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BANK RESOURCES OF THE COUNTRY

Annual Report of Comptroller of The Currency to Congress.

SOME INTERESTING STATISTICS

How the Wealth of the United States is Distributed—Relative Standing of the Sections—Savings of the People.

Washington, Dec. 10.—An increase in individual deposits of $400,158,322 in loans and discounts of $308,419,917 and in total resources of $394,318,846. These are the essential features shown in a statement issued by the Comptroller of the Currency giving the condition of the National Banks of the United States on November 16th, the date of the last reports to his office this year as compared with the last reports made in 1908 as of November 27th.

Loans and discounts of the banks on November 16th amounted to $5,148,787,594, and deposits including those made by individuals the United States and United States disbursing offices were $5,169,510,983.

The percentage of legal reserve to deposits on November 16th was 21.31 as against 22.32 a year ago. Banks in the South made a stronger showing in the percentage of reserve than at the time of their report to the comptroller in response to his call for condition in September. This is considered remarkable in view of the fact that between September and November large amounts of money always are drawn from the banks to meet expenses incidental to the moving of the crops.

More than 25,000,000 deposit accounts are carried on the books of the banks of all classes of the United States and its insular possessions, according to the statement, which was laid before Congress today. The aggregate deposits on April 28th last were about $14,425,523,165. The sum of $5,678,735,379 represented savings deposited by 14,894,696 depositors. The average rate of interest paid by National banks on savings accounts was 3.34; by State banks 3.71; mutual savings 3.85; stock savings 3.65; private banks and loan and trust companies paying the same average rate 3.43 per cent.

Loans and discounts, United States bonds, and lawful money represented approximately 76 per cent. of the aggregate resources of National Banks, and a like proportion of liabilities is represented by capital, surplus and profits and individual deposits. The Comptroller figures out that assuming the character of bonds owned by National banks is in accordance with the requirements of the act of May 30th, 1908, the amount is more than sufficient as security for the aggregate emergency currency, $500,000,000 authorized by that law. Holdings of bonds and other similar securities by National banks September 1st showed investments of this character amounting to $898,388,542. The interesting fact is disclosed that $20,000,000 is in foreign government and other bonds and securities.

Based on the latest returns, the Comptroller says the loaning power of the National banks has been increased as a result of the law of June, 1906, to the extent of 62 per cent., although with surplus twice as great as the capital of the banks the authorized increase is 200 per cent. The law referred to increased the limit of the liability to banks from 10 per cent. of paid-in capital stock to 10 per cent. of the capital and surplus, the total, however not to exceed 30 per cent., of the capital stock.

By reason of the depreciation in the market price of Government bonds during the year the computed profit on the issue of National bank circulation increased slightly. The gross earnings of National banks during the year were $348,674,353 from which losses and premiums were charged off to the amount of $40,453,705, being 11.6 per cent. of the gross earnings, and $177,034,899 expenses and taxes, the net earnings being $131,185,749 from which dividends were paid amounting to $92,993,449.

Nearly 80 per cent. of all depositors in savings banks are reported in the New England and Eastern States, and a little more than 81 per cent. of deposits in this class of banks is held by savings banks in these two geographical sections. The aggregate of paid-in capital stock of the banks of the United States including the island possessions is $1,300,036,368, an increase of about 2 1-2 per cent. for the year and over 75 per cent. above the amount reported on June 30, 1900.

Last April in round amounts the National banks held $4,826,000,000 individual deposits, savings banks $3,713,000,000, loan and trust companies $2,835,000,000, State banks $2,466,000,000, and private banks $193,000,000. Geographically the individual deposits reported by banks in the Eastern States aggregated: $6,047,000,000, in the New England States; $2,106,000,000, in the Middle Western States; $3,206,000,000 in the Southern States; $1,059,000,000 in the Pacific States; $897,000,000 in the Western States; $700,000,000, and in the island possessions $28,000,000.

Deposits amounting to over $4,926,000, or 35 per cent. of the total individual deposits in all banks were savings, and in individual over $1,211,000,000 were time deposits. The individual deposits subject to check aggregate over $6,956,500,000, demand certificates of deposit over $625,000 000, and the aggregate of other minor classifications over $315,900,000.

Banks in the New England States held, in round amount $88,300,000 in actual cash; those in the Eastern States, $716,200,000; in the Southern States, $105,800,000; in the Middle Western States, $373,400,000; in the Western States, $71,000,000; in the Pacific States $89,600,000, and in the banks of the island possessions, $7,700,000.

The banks of the country have increased their loans since 1908 by $935,200,000, or from $10,433,000,000 in 1908, to $11,373,200,000 in 1909.

School savings banks are in operation in 114 cities of 25 States, with 186,828 depositors.

NORTH CAROLINA DELEGATION

Organization For National Rivers and Harbors Congress at Washington This Week—Resolution Adopted—Those in Attendance.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—The North Carolina delegation to the Rivers and Harbors Congress met in room 910, New Willard Hotel, today for the purpose of organization and the appointment of representatives on the different committees of the National organization. Upon motion, Major E. J. Hale, of Fayetteville, was made chairman and Mr. J. A. Fore, of Charlotte, secretary. The list of delegates in attendance included:

Senators F M. Simmons and Lee S. Overman, Congressmen John H. Small, Claude Kitchin, C. R. Thomas, John M. Moorehead, H. L Godwin, R. N. Page, E. Y. Webb and J. G. Grant; Major E. J. Hale, J. H. Anderson, Dr. H. W. Lilly, Fayetteville; Jas. H. Chadbourn, president North Carolina Waterways Association; W. A. Dick, Chas. E. Taylor, Major E. W. VanC. Lucas, W. R. Sullivan, B. F. Keith, T. E. Wallace, W. B. Cooper, W. E. Yopp, F. W. Bonitz, Wilmington; J. N. McCausland, S. B. Tanner, D. A. Tompkins, J. A. Fore, Charlotte; Col. Paul B. Means, Concord; W. B. Sheppard, W. D. Pruden, Edenton; Dr. L. S. Blades, J. H. Leroy, Elizabeth City; T. D. Webb, F. D Arthur, J. Q. A. Wood, Morehead; Major Chas. M. Steadman, Greensboro; David Jenkins, Charlotte; H. B. Varner, Lexington; Col. Benehan Cameron, Raleigh; J. T. Bland, Burgaw; Ralph Young, Minneapolis; Major W. A. Guthrie, Durham; T. S. Meekins, Manteo; Capt. Tilghman, Wilson.

The following appointments were agreed upon: Major E. J. Hale, director for South Atlantic Seaboard; Jas. H. Chadbourn, vice president for North Carolina. For committees: On resolutions, Major E. W. VanC. Lucas; nominations, J. A. Foore, Charlotte; credentials, W. D. Pruden, Edenton.

On motion of J. H. Anderson, of Fayetteville, seconded by W. D. Pruden, of Edenton, the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That each duly accredited delegate to the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, assembled at Washington, D. C., Dec. 8-10, 1909, is hereby constituted a member of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, upon payment of five dollars to Secretary Ellison, and each delegate is requested to constitute himself a committee to secure other members."

Attached was a list of the duly appointed delegates to the Rivers and Harbors Congress, and it was requested that the Secretary notify each of the foregoing resolution. There being no further business a motion to adjourn prevailed.

OHIO MANIAC SHOT DOWN.

Terrorized Countryside for 48 Hours. Wounded Sheriff.

Shreve, O., Dec. 10.—After murdering Sheriff Jacob Bell, of Holmes county, running wild for 48 hours and terrorizing the countryside, O. E. Boley, an escaped patient from the Massilon State Hospital for the insane, was shot down and captured on the farm of R. S. Wells, one mile north of here tonight.

Trailed by posses from Wooster, Millersburg and other towns Boley ran into the traps all day long, standing his pursuers off with his shotgun or eluding them by fleetness of foot. Just at nightfall, the Millersburg posse saw him running across an open field, W. S. Hoover, town marshal, called upon him to halt, and then fired, the bullet striking Boley in the abdomen. He fell to the ground but fought savagely, kicking, biting and scratching until overpowered. He was brought here and later while being taken to Wooster to be placed in a hospital, died on the train.

Boley ran amuck Wednesday night, stayed all night at a farm house and shot Sheriff Bell early the next morning when the sheriff came to get him.

EARTHQUAKE IN GUAM.

Considerable Damage, According to Cablegram to Navy Department.

Washington, Dec. 10.—A severe earthquake occurred in Guam at 9 A. M. today causing considerable damage according to a cablegram received at the Navy Department today. The Women's and Children's hospital was wrecked. There were no casualties. From the dispatch it would seem that the principal damage occurred to the hospital. It will require $6,000 to repair the hospital.

The population of Guam is about 10,000, practically all natives. The Navy Department maintains a coaling station there.

EXCITING SCENES ON THE EXCHANGE

Spectacular Rise in Cotton Following The Government Report.

ESTIMATE IS 10,088,000

Prices Soared to New High Record For Season—Figures by States—Review For the Week.

New York, Dec. 10.—Not since the the Sully boom of 1904 has the New York Cotton Exchange witnessed a more sensational scene or a more spectacular rise in prices than occurred today with the announcement of the government crop report.

With the galleries crowded with visitors from the South, augmented by friends and relatives of operators and other interested spectators, the market soared to a new high record for the season with gains of more than $2 a bale over yesterday. Both the May and July options touched the high mark of 15.80, both gaining approximately 42 points over yesterday's close.

Bull brokers prevented a more violent advance, as they had distributed heavy selling orders every five points up from 15.55 for May and July. They sold enormously, supplying the demand of shorts and also in the rush of buying orders from Wall street, Chicago and Southern operators and the local and New England dry goods interests. The market continued in an excited state up to the close with estimates that 800,000 bales had changed hands. May closed at 15.67 and July at 15.74.

It was 2 o'clock when the news came from Washington that the government's estimate was only 10,088,000 bales the smallest crop since 1903. Immediately there was a tremendous rush of buying. Orders poured in from the world over and prices jumped from 20 to 30 points on the first transactions. Last trades made just before the report was announced were on the basis of 15.50 for May delivery; the next sales were made at 15.70, an advance of $1 a bale. This was followed by tremendous trading both ways and by rapid fluctuations. A break to 15.65 followed, then came the rise to 15.80. July cotton fluctuated along the same lines, while March reached 15.60 as its high point and closed at 15.40.

The government estimate is about 200,000 bales below the predictions of the most sanguine of the bulls and the action of the market naturally followed. Sixteen-cent cotton so much talked about, was not realized, but the market came near it.

It now remains to be determined whether the Federal estimators have under-estimated the yield as has been the case for the past ten years. During that time, the crop has been underestimated each year at from 500,000 to 600,000 bales.

The Government's Figures.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The crop reporting board, of the Department of Agriculture, estimates that the total production of cotton in the United States for the season of 109-10 will amount to 4,826,344,000 pounds (not including linters) equivalent to 10,388,000 of 500 pounds gross weight.

The estimated production in 500 pound gross weight by States is as follows: Virginia, 10,000; North Carolina, 615,000; South Carolina, 1,095,000; Georgia, 1,800,000; Florida, 57,000; Alabama, 1,020,000; Mississippi, 1,020,000; Texas, 2,570,000; Arkansas, 715,000; Tennessee, 240,000; Missouri, 49,000; Oklahoma, 617,000; United States, 10,088,000.

The Weekly Review.

New York, Dec. 10.—It has been an exciting week in the cotton market with new high records and a widening out of the speculation. Liverpool after weeks of lethargy has finally woke up. Its spot sales are treble what they were a short time ago. The receipts at the ports and interior towns have recently fallen off sharply and the ginning report last Wednesday was regarded as a very bullish document.

Naturally it showed a marked falling off in the ginning compared with last year, but it was also considered significant that there was a striking decrease also as compared with the figures of two years ago when the crop was 11,441,269 bales. It was the signal for aggressive buying, not only by bull leaders but also by outsiders. The believers in higher prices have been encouraged also by a better stock market, the pacific character of the President's message, a reduction in the Bank of England's rate of discount, a rise in silver in London, advancing short markets in the South, the cold wave in the South and the failure of the Egyptian crop. In addition there has been a better demand at New York for cotton goods. The reports of large dry goods concerns have been of a very cheerful character. Spot sales in the South have increased somewhat. There is a demand, it seems even for some of the lower grades in the New York stock. Wall street, Chicago, New Orleans and Liverpool have all been buyers. There has been a noticeable expansion in speculation. On the other hand many believe that 15 cents amply discounts anything of a bullish character in the general situation. In

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FIFTY MILLIONS FOR WATERWAYS

Rivers and Harbors Congress Adjourned in Washington Yesterday.

CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS

Officers Elected and Policy Declared in No Uncertain Platform—Several Interesting Addresses Heard—Next Meeting.

Washington, Dec 10.—What is declared by its officers to have been the most successful convention of its kind ever held, came to an end today when the National Rivers and Harbors Congress adjourned after a three days' session. Representative Joseph E. Ransdell, of Louisiana, was re-elected president; Captain J. F. Ellison, of Cincinnati, secretary and treasurer, and John A. Fox, of Arkansas, special director. Vice presidents to represent the States also were named.

The new board of directors met immediately after adjournment and took up the question of the date and place for the next convention. The matter, however, was put over after much discussion until a later date.

The resolutions adopted by the Congress make an appeal to Congress for an appropriation of $50,000,000 for river and harbor work; and $50,000,000 annually for ten years thereafter; express the belief that the rivers and harbors bill should be placed on an equal footing with the other great appropriation bills and condemn what is declared to be the present method of appropriation whereby the river and harbor bill carries only what may remain after the other budgets have been authorized. It is declared that unless the waterways of the United States are so improved as to provide the proper transportation facilities this country cannot hope to increase its domestic commerce or extend its foreign commerce, as it should, or to take advantage of the opening of the Panama Canal, in order to compete with the markets of the world. The resolution suggests the creation of a Bureau of Public Works with a cabinet officer at its head, which Department should have charge of river and harbor improvement and other work of a similar character. The bill pending in Congress for increase of the engineer corps is endorsed.

The report of the treasurer showed that upwards of only $8,000 was in bank, which was deplored.

Special Director Fox urged larger appropriations for carrying on the propaganda of improving the rivers, harbors and canals of Continental United States.

James E. Smith, of St. Louis, chairman of the committee on resolutions, in making his report said it represented the unanimous sentiment of the committee. He believed further that the great waterways of the country should be developed before "Dreadnaughts" need be built to fight imaginary foes.

A committee was appointed to present the resolutions to the President of the United States, the Vice President and the Speaker of the House.

Prof. Emory R. Johnson, of the University of Pennsylvania, special representative of the Congress with the National Waterways Commission on its European trip made a short report of inspection of European waterways. He states that on the continent of Europe it was the policy of the government to regulate railways so as to prevent their making destructive warfare upon the waterways. This, he said, would have to be done by the United States.

"European countries," he said, "have not hesitated to borrow funds for waterways when borrowing was necessary to economy. Nor should we hesitate."

OUTLINES.

A revolting crime was enacted in Savannah, Ga., in which two white women were killed and a third murderously assaulted by a negro. Diligent search is being made for the guilty negro and 150 have been arrested and locked up——The convention of the Rivers and Harbors Congress ended yesterday in Washington and one of the closing incidents was the adoption of a resolution making an appeal to Congress for an annual appropriation. ——The Government estimate of the cotton crop, which is accepted as official statistics, caused the staple to advance to the record price of the season and unusual excitement on the market yesterday——The annual report of the Comptroller of Currency was submitted to Congress yesterday. ——At a short session of Congress yesterday 350 bills were introduced and a resolution was presented authorizing the President to apprehend President Zelaya as a common criminal. ——New York markets: Money on call firm 4 1-2 to 5 per cent., ruling rate 4 3-4, closing bid 4 3-4, offered at 4 3-4. Cotton spot closed quiet, middling up lands 14.95, middling gulf 15.20. Flour firmly held with a quiet trade. Wheat firm, No. 2 red 1.26 nominal elevator, and 1.25 1-2 nominal f.o.b. afloat. Corn firm, No. 2, 71 1-2 elevator, domestic, 72 delivered nominal, old, and 67 f.o.b. afloat nominal. Oats firm, mixed 45 to 46. Turpentine and rosin firm.

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REVOLTING CRIME IN SAVANNAH, GA.

Aged Woman and Daughter Assaulted, Murdered, Another is Dying.

THE PEOPLE ARE UP IN ARMS

Negro Wretch Responsible For Crime—More Than 150 Have Been Arrested and Excitement is Intense in City.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 10.—Victims of a revolting crime, Mrs. Eliza Gribble, aged 70 years, and her daughter; Mrs. Carrie Ohlander, were found in their home, No. 401 Perry street, west, here today, while a third woman, Mrs. Maggie Hunter, found just inside the front door of the house, is at the Savannah hospital dying.

Physicians state that Mrs. Ohlander was the victim of a criminal assault before she was killed. One hundred and fifty negro men, caught in the meshes of the police dragnet through Yamacraw, a negro section of the city, are prisoners in the police station the theory of the police being that a negro man having planned an assault upon Mrs. Ohlander was compelled to commit the other crimes in order to escape.

Other arrests will be made until every negro in the city, who in any way resembles the description of a negro who during the last three days has been seen frequently about the premises of the house of the murdered woman is a prisoner.

The police believe that this negro, using an axe taken from the woodshed in the rear of the Gribble home, beat Mrs. Gribble to death, struck down the unknown woman and after assaulting Mrs. Ohlander in the wide, long hallway where the bodies were found, finished his terrible work by beating in her skull with the weapon.

Mrs. Gribble evidently was attacked from behind as she sat in an easy chair reading. On the floor beside her body were found the newspaper she was reading and her spectacles. one or possibly two blows were dealt her . Her gray head, blood matted, shows the imprint of the blunt axe.

It is probable that Mrs. Hunter was the first to be struck down; that she met the murderer at the door as he entered and was struck before she could escape. Then the murderer stealthily approached the aged Mrs. Gribble and killed her. It is believed that Mrs. Ohlander was attacked as she left her room to enter the hallway, was assaulted and killed. The unknown woman's skull was crushed in and her death is a matter of but a few hours.

Other theories are entertained by searchers for the murderer, but the police are proceeding on the theory that a negro man is guilty. Many entertain this theory and feeling is intense here because of it. The motley horde of prisoners is quiet and frightened in the police station and jail. It is believed that if the negro suspected of the crime is caught he can be quickly identified.

Blood hounds have been at work in an effort to take the trail from the woodshed where the axe was found by the murderer, but as the house of murders is almost within the heart of the city, and as the murders were probably committed several hours before the discovery of the bodies, the dogs will be of little use.

Tonight Mayor Tiedeman, of Savannah, offered a reward of $1,000 for the capture with evidence to convict the slayer of Mrs. Gribble and Mrs. Onlander and assailant of Mrs. Maggie Hunter, who was not identified for hours after the discovery of the murders and who is the woman at the point of death in Savannah hospital.

It is now almost certainly known that a negro at first suspected, is the guilty man. Persons have been seen who state that this negro was seen entering the Gribble house with the fatal axe in his hand, and was seen closing the shutters to the windows of the house, and to leave the premises all at the hour when it is believed the murders were committed.

The negro's description has been printed on hand bills and scattered broadcast over the city and county with the reward offer, and all nearby towns have been notified and are on the lookout. Police officers in automobiles have covered all the roads for miles surrounding the city while posses on foot have scoured the places where automobiles could not go. The house to house search of negro homes continues. It seems hardly possible the negro can long remain at large.

VESSELS REPORTED LOST.

Hope for Bessemer and Marquette Has Been Abandoned.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 10.—All hope that the car ferry Marquette and Bessemer No. 2, outlived the wintry gale, which has made Lake Erie a watery grave yard during the last 72 hours, has been practically abandoned at the head offices in Walkersville of the Marquette and Bessemer Dock & Navigation Company, owners of the ill-fated vessel. It is believed that Captain R. R. McLead, of Conneaut, O., and his crew of 31 men have gone down to death with the big steamer.

MRS WALTER CLARK DEAD

Wife of Chief Justice Passed Away In Raleigh Yesterday—Other Capital News—Hospitals for Insane—Charters.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 10.—Mrs. Clark, wife of Chief Justice Walter Clark, of the Supreme Court, died this morning at 11:30 o'clock. She had been critically ill of pneumonia for several days, but there had been such improvement the past 24 hours that two of her brothers, Major Jno. W. Graham, of Hillsboro, and Dr. George W. Graham, of Charlotte, had left for their homes, being assured by the attending physicians that their sister had a good prospect for recovery.

However, this morning there came upon her a "sinking spell" such as she had experienced several times the past several days, and there was not left sufficient vitality to enable her to rally.

Mrs. Clark was 58 years old, a daughter of Hon. W. A. Graham, one of the most distinguished men in the early history of the State, having served as secretary of the United States Navy Department. She is survived by her distinguished husband and seven children. These are W. A. Graham Clark, of the United States Department of Commerce and Labor; David Clark, editor of the Textile Journal, Charlotte; Walter Clark, Jr., City Attorney of Raleigh; Thorne Clark, civil engineer; Mrs. Erwin, Morganton, and Miss Eugenia Clark. All the children were at their mother's bedside. The funeral will be from the First Baptist church tomorrow afternoon.

A certificate is filed with the Secretary of State changing the name of The Eclipse Guano Co., Cronly, N. C., to Conestee Guano Co. The Southern Chemical Co., of Greensboro, is chartered with $200,000 capital authorized and J. K. McIlhenny, Geo. S. Valentine and C. E. Ravens as incorporators for the manufacture of fertilizers. The Farmers and Merchants' Bank, of Elkin, files a certificate, decreasing capital to $18,000.

The continued delay in the opening of the six colony buildings for epileptics here in connection with the State Central Hospital for insane here, was investigated today by Hon. C. A. Webb, of Asheville, and E. F. Aydlett, members of the State Hospital Commission. The buildings have been completed for three months now and practically all the furniture has been here some time for equipping the buildings and getting them ready for the reception of patients.

Messrs. Aydlett and Webb went to Goldsboro tonight and will be joined there by the other members of the commission to investigate the matter of needs of the Eastern Hospital for negroes there, for additional room. The superintendent and directors of this hospital urge that the capacity of the institution be increased by 100. This would entail an expenditure of about $40,000. This would take practically all of the funds remaining in the hands of the commission from the $500,000 State bond issue for the enlargement of the State hospitals under the Bickett Act.

PENSACOLIANS CALLED

Want Warships For Mardi Gras and Repairs to Yards.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—Senator Fletcher and other members of the Florida delegation in Congress called upon the Secretary of the Navy today and asked that several warships be sent to Pensacola to participate in the Mardi Gras Celebration there in February. At the same time they took occasion to express to the Secretary their regret that the Pensacola Navy Yard had not been given so much repair work as some of the other yards. Secretary Meyer promised to send some warships to Pensacola for the celebration if any were available at that time. To the satisfaction of the Floridians he also declared he intended to continue the Pensacola yard as one of the principal naval establishments.

STATUE OF ROBERT E. LEE

Michigan Commandry Takes Action on Virginia's Suggestion.

Washington, Dec. 10.—As a part of the fight being made against the acceptance of the government of the statue of Robert E. Lee as a permanent addition to the Hall of Fame in the Capitol building, the Vice President today laid before the Senate a resolution adopted by the Michigan commandry of the Loyal Legion on November 4th.

This resolution characterizes as an insult to the nation the suggestion that if the statute of Lee be rejected by Congress, Virginia will withdraw the bronze statue of George Washington which accompanies it. The commandery protests vigorously against accepting the effigy of Lee in Confederate uniform.

REV. D. H. TUTTLE LEAVES.

Becomes Pastor of Methodist Church in Goldsboro, N. C.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Rocky Mount, N. C., Dec. 10.—By the afternoon train today Rev. D. H. Tuttle and family left for Goldsboro where they will make their future home. Rev. Mr. Tuttle having been transferred from the pastorate of the First Methodist church, in this city, to Goldsboro. Many friends in this city regret to have them leave and wish them well in their new home.

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CONVENTION ENDS AT WADESBORO

Baptist Hosts Returning After One of Greatest Meetings on Record.

AT HENDERSONVILLE NEXT

Closing Session Last Night With Singing of "Blest Be The Tie That Binds"—Splendid Entertainment There.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Wadesboro, N. C., Dec. 9.—The closing session of the great Baptist State Convention was held tonight and notwithstanding so many delegates had started home a good-sized audience was present and an interesting session was held.

President Dowd requested Rev. R. H. Marsh to preside and he did so. Evangelism was the theme of the night session and Rev. Baylus Cade, Rev. J. D. Prestridge and several other speakers took part during the time allotted to the discussion of this subject. At the close of this discussion an interesting open meeting was held in which a number of the delegates took part, speaking of the convention as one of the best from every standpoint, that the Baptists have held in North Carolina and emphasizing again the large hearted hospitality which the citizens of Wadesboro have extended to the delegates.

Rev. T. W. Chambliss expressed the pleasure of Wadesboro and of himself in being given the pleasure and the privilege of entertaining the convention, and declared the Wadesboro people to be the biggest hearted folk in the Union. He said homes were provided for more than 100 delegates more attended the convention and that entertainment could have been given to as many more as were here.

The final words from a delegate were spoken by Rev. J. D. Huffham, one of the oldest and one of the best known members. He closed his remarks with the repetition of the poem "Crossing the Bar."

While the closing hymn "Blest Be The Tie That Binds," was being sung, the delegates joined in a cordial handshaking. Rev. T. L. Blalock led the closing prayer. A motion to adjourn was then made, seconded and adopted and the acting President declared the convention adjourned to meet in Hendersonville on the Tuesday, following the first Sunday in December of next year.

The resignation of the convention shows that at this session 43 associations were represented as against 39 a year ago, 221 churches were represented as against 189 last year and 349 delegates as against 302 last year.

One of the first acts of the convention at the morning session today was to adopt with a standing vote resolutions of thanks for the kindness and courtesies extended this convention. This resolution included expressions of appreciation to Rev. T. W. Chambliss, pastor of the Baptist church here, who has spared nothing to give to the convention entertainment and every convenience in management that has been necessary in order to make this annual meeting of the Baptists of North Carolina such that it will be remembered as one of the best arranged and best managed in its history. Included in this resolution were the citizens of Wadesboro for entertainment; the railroads that have given reduced rates to delegates and the daily papers of Wilmington, Charlotte and Raleigh; also the semi-weekly papers of Wadesboro for the published reports of the convention proceedings; also the Wake Forest Quartette.

There was a decided exodus of convention delegates on the morning trains today, many of these finding it necessary to leave at this time in order to reach their homes before the Sabbath. It was discovered this morning that the furnace of the Baptist church would no longer perform its functions until overhauled, thus rendering the church uncomfortably cold. Accepting the kind invitation of Rev. J. H. West, pastor of the M. E. Church, South, the convention adjourned to the Methodist church at 11 o'clock where the remainder of the morning session and the afternoon sessions were held. Mr. West is just beginning the third year of his pastorate in Wadesboro where he is doing a successful work and where he is popular with and holds the confidence of the citizens, regardless of denominational affiliation or preference.

There is no interest that lies closer to the heart of the Baptist State Convention than State Missions and there is no member of the convention who is held in higher esteem than Rev. Livingston Johnston, corresponding secretary of State Missions. For the past nine years Mr. Johnston has traveled from the mountains to the seacoast and throughout all of the territory embraced in North Carolina in the interest of State Missions and everywhere he has gone, he has won friends for himself and for the great cause which he represents.

Among the Baptists in North Carolina Livingston Johnston is universally recognized as a man of unselfish spirit of thought, consecrated—a man who keeps his work in the forefront and hides himself—a man who lives not for self exaltation but for the

good he can do. This man is so regarded not only by the Baptists of North Carolina but by those of other demoninations as well, who have come in contact with the personality and unselfish work of this man, who goes in and out gladly living a life of sacrifice in order that he may provide means for 148 missionaries in North Carolina, may be enabled to preach the gospel in sections of North Carolina where there are scores and hundreds of men and women who must hear the word without money and without price.

Among the laymen in the convention none is more highly recognized for his intellect and his consecration than Mr. Achibald Johnson, the able and successful editor of Charity and Children. Into every interest and subject that affects or even touches his denomination, Mr. Johnson takes a personal interest and while he does not speak often on the convention floor whenever he does speak his words are heard with interest and his arguments are always effective. As an editor none in this State ranks higher.

The convention service of prayer and praise this morning was conducted by Rev. G. T. Lumpkin. President Dowd called the convention to order at 9:30 and after a prayer the minutes of the sessions of yesterday were read and approved. Several items of miscellaneous business were taken up and disposed of, before the time arrived for the first special order of the morning which was Wake Forest College. Livingston Johnston offered the following resolution which was adopted:

"Whereas, we have heard in an unofficial way that the Baptist State Convention of South Carolina passed a resolution asking that the time of meeting of the two conventions be left to their respective mission boards, so as to avoid a conflict and whereas, it will require a change of the constitution to change the time of meeting and whereas, this matter did not reach our convention until too late to change the constitution, there not being sufficient number present.

"Resolved, That we express our appreciation of this action on the part of our South Carolina brethren.

"Resolved, That we hope the mission board of South Carolina will, if possible, change their time for next year, so as to avoid a conflict, assuring them that we will be glad to consider their proposition in the future, should they see fit to renew it.

"Resolved, That these resolutions be forwarded to T. M. Bailey, corresponding secretary of the Baptist State Convention of South Carolina."

The following members were appointed to report at the next session on the objects of the convention: Foreign Missions, Rev. J. H. Foster; home missions, W. M. Vines, Orphanage, J. Campbell; Sunday Schools, Wm. Headley; Obituaries, T. J. Taylor; State Missions, C. Maddery; Biblical Recorder, J. W. Bailey; Ministerial Education, T. W. Chambliss.

The report of the convention on Ministerial Relief was then adopted. The committee on place and preachers submitted its report through H. C. Dockery. This report named Hendersonville as the place for the next session of the convetion and Rev. J. J. Hall, of Fayetteville, to preach the opening sermon. The report of the trustees of Oxford Seminary was read and adopted.

After the reading of the resolutions of thanks and before its adoption several members of the convention spoke of the splendid manner in which the convention has been entertained and managed.

Rev. O. L. Srtnigfield was recognized and spoke to the convention.

The time for the special order having arrived the president, Dr. W. L. Poteat, read the report of the trustees of Wake Forest College. This college is now a little more than 75 years old and during this time 5,422 students have been enrolled. Reports showed that 352 students are enrolled at the present time.

Prof. J. B. Carlyle, a member of the faculty of Wake Forest, and former president of the convention, spoke to the report and represented the college in an address that was easily one of the most interesting and one of the ablest that has been delivered at this session of the convention. Dr. Carlyle introduced his address with the assertion that he was heart and soul in favor of the Laymen's movement and said that he believed no one need have any fear as to the influence of this movement on Baptists concerning their gifts to other causes than Foreign Missions. He said he believed that the effect of the Laymen's Movement would be to increase the contributions of the denominations to all causes. With reference to Wake Forest Prof. Carlyle said first that three things entered into the life of the college—spirit, ideals and equipment. The college that is a success, he said, must have a democratic spirit, ideals that are ennobling and pure, and equipment that is adequate and thorough and the college that fulfills its double mission of unselfish service imparts culture and develops character. Wake Forest, said Prof. Carlyle, trains men to think and then to speak. The Wake Forest man who cannot speak is a monstrosity. Oratory is indigeneous there. The college also trains men to reason, trains them not to soar, but to serve. She gives to its students scholarship and culture. She endeavors not only to make the intellect big and broad, but she endeavors also to make the heart better. Wake Forest endeavors to give to her students a culture that is complete and a character that is high. This is a great college in both spirit and ideals.

Rev. A. J. Moncrief read the report of the trustees of Meredith College for Women and speaking to the report he said the college is now moving on a higher plane from year to year, but needs additions to her faculty. He favored the inauguration of a campaign to raise $150,000, this sum to be spent $100,000 as an endowment for the college so that a large number of poor girls may be educated there and $50,000 to be used in making permanent improvements to the college. Rev. C. E. Maddery also spoke to this report. He began by saying that had Meredith College been established six years before it was founded, today North Carolina would be the greatest Baptist community on earth.

"I believe in the new, in progress and advancement, but I believe also in conserving all the good of the old along with the new to advance the denomination and the Kingdom of Christ; I want to see Meredith College so equipped that 1,000 girls can be there as students every year. We need an endowment so that many poor girls who have no means to educate themselves may come there and be educated without money. We must have an educated motherhood in our State. I am not blaming anyone but the Baptist brotherhood of North Carolina. We are enjoying prosperity and prosperity increases responsibilities. I plead for the poor, country girl with aspirations as high as heaven itself, but with no opportunity to see those ahpirations realized. What is $150,000 to 210,000 Baptists to educate the poor girls of North Carolina? Let us preserve our denominational loyalty by educating these girls with our own schools."

Rev. Mr. Moncrief spoke again to the report and said that first education is vital and almost universal in the Baptist denomination and that Baptists are pioneers in establishing churches and colleges. He said that he yielded to no one in Baptist loyalty, but he said he wanted no one to tell him to send his child to Wake Forest College or Meredith because it is a Baptist College. He said that he owed a higher duty to his child than that and he was bound by that duty to send that child to the school where the best advantages of education can be secured even if it is not a Baptist school. He said the kind of loyalty that he did believe in was that loyalty which would put money sufficient into denominational colleges to give advantages not to be surpassed. He was sick and tired of this cry of poverty to excuse Baptists from doing things. The Baptists are the strongest and richest people from the Potomac to the Rio Grande. They ought to stop talking about poverty and Baptist loyalty until all were ready to do their part in the great work demanded of them.

Secondary schools was the next special order and the discussion was begun before the close of the morning session and was carried over until the afternoon and occupied most of the time of that session. The speakers were G. E. Lineberry, R. L. Bruner, J. D. Prestridge, B. Cade, A. E. Brown, J. H. Highsmith and J. D. Huffham. All these speakers emphasized the importance of denominational secondary schools in the training of boys and girls to fit them for college. Prof. Highsmith referred in his remarks to the statement of Dr. Kilgo, president of Trinity College, that no ministerial student in that college during his presidency had received his early training in the city schools. He then said while he was loyal to denominational secondary schools, he was tired hearing leaders of the church, crying out against the State system of education. He said he was in favor of the system of educatuion as carried out by the State and would not vote to cut down the appropriation to this system one cent. What is needed in the public schools, he said, is not teachers of religion but religious teachers and so far as education is concerned our business is not to fight but to foster.

The report on Obituaries was read and adopted. A resolution of thanks to the pastors and members of the Methodist church for the use of their church building during the sessions of the convention this morning and afternoon was adopted unanimously by a rising vote. The afternoon session adjourned at 5 o'colck with prayer and the benediction.

INSANE JEALOUSY.

Brotkaw Divorce Hearing Resumed in New York Yesterday.

New York, Dec. 10:—Circumstantial revelations of ill-treatment with which she charges her millionaire husband, W. Gould Brokaw, were continued today when the trial of Mrs. Mary Blair Brokaw's suit for $60,000 alimony was resumed at Mineola.

Before Mrs. Brokaw was called to the witness stand today, the big bundle of telegrams from Brokaw to Mrs. Brokaw which has figured in the case, was resorted to again and several were admitted in evidence.

One of these messages was introduced to show that Mr. Brokaw put restraint on her movements while she was out automobile riding. It was addressed to the manager of the Great Neck residence of the couple and read:

"Take Mrs. Brokaw for drives in the Mercedes and do not stop anywhere."

Mrs. Brokaw said that on one occasion she was out for a drive in the car and was surprised to find when she wished to alight that the chauffeur had orders not to stop.

Mrs. Brokaw told of the visit to the house of an automobile party of three gentlemen and ladies the party being unexpectedly added to later by the arrival of another lady and gentleman. The next day she said, the estate manager received a telegram from Mr. Brokaw which read:

"Why did you not tell me there was a fourth gentleman in the party. I want you to start in right away and dismantle all the rooms of my house except Mrs. Brokaw's and the maid's room."

Mrs. Brokaw said she also received a telegram from her husband asking for the names of all the men who lunched with her that day.

The manager, she said, received one which read: "Wire me tonight a description of all the men who stopped at my house on Sunday. Was Mr. —— at my house last Saturday? He is a large stout man with a blonde mustache. He is sometimes referred to as 'Colonel' or 'Commodore'. Mr. Mr. —— there, too? He is a medium-sized man, clean shaven."

Mrs. Brokaw appeared fatigued from her long direct examination but met the questions of her husband's counsel in cross-examination with quick answers and a show of spirit.

Overtures for a reconciliation with his wife were tentatively made by Mr. Brokaw through his counsel today.

"Mr. Brokaw loves his wife dearly and is willing to have the suit discontinued in spite of all the charges she has made," said Mr. McIntyre, "if she will only return to him. He believes his wife has been wrongly advised and he is by no means in fear of losing the suit."

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BATTLESHIPS COLLIDED

Georgia and Nebraska Went Together on Southern Drill Grounds.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The battleships Georgia and Nebraska collided Thursday afternoon while engaged in tactical exercises off the Virginia capes.

The effects of the collision were not serious and the two ships were able to return to Hampton Roads today with the entire fleet. Riverts in the two vessels were strained.

This information came to the Navy Department this afternoon from Rear Admiral Schroeder, commander of the fleet.

Commander A. H. Davis was in charge of the Georgia, Captain Potts, the recent commander of the battleship having been relieved and his successor not yet appointed. Commander Davis is the executive officer of the Georgia. Rear Admiral Comly, in command of the third division of the fleet, was also on the Georgia. The Nebraska was commanded by Captain John F. Newton.

Further than describing the effects of the collision as "slight," the Navy Department had no detailed information to give out in regard to the damage suffered by the vessels. It was learned, however, that the collision was severe enough to strain the rivets of the armored sides of the vessels. A court of inquiry probably will be appointed immediately to ascertain the responsibility for the two ships coming together.

ICE TRUST CONVICTED.

Fined $5,000 in New York Supreme Court Yesterday.

New York, Dec. 10.—The American Ice Company was found guilty today in the State Supreme Court of restricting competition in attempting to create a monopoly of the sale of ice. The jury was out an hour and forty minutes and when the foreman announced the verdict, the court immediately imposel the maximum sentence of $5,000 fine, under the provisions of the so-called Donnelly anti-monopoly law of this State.

The conviction is the first under the new law, and will probably be fought to the highest court in the State.

The significance of the verdict lies not so much in the relatively trivial amount of the fine imposed as in the intimation made by John B. Stanchfield, of counsel for the defense, that a finding against the company, which he said supplies eight million customers, would mark the first step in its ultimate dissolution.

The American Ice Company, though tried under the laws of New York, was incorporated under the laws of New Jersey for $40,000,000 and later taken over by the American Ice Securities Company of the same State, after a drastic reorganization.

The company has plants in New York, Washington, Baltimore and Philadelphia and has absorbed many smaller companies along the Hurson river and in the Maine ice fields.

WORLD'S VISIBLE SUPPLY

Secretary Hester's Statement Shows 4,708,579 Bales.

New Orleans, Dec. 10.—Secretary Hester's statement of the world's visible supply of cotton issued today shows the total visible to be 4,708,579 against 4,624,480 last week and 4,882,839 last year. Of this the total of American cotton is 3,797,579, against 3,814,480 last week and 4,134,839 last year, and of all other kinds including Egypt, Brazil, India, etc., 911,000, against 810,000 last week and 749,000 last year.

Of the world's visible supply of cotton there is now afloat and held in Great Britain and continental Europe 2,662,000 against 2,564,000 last year; in Egypt 217,000 against 249,000 last year; in India 353,000 against 200,000 last year; and in the United States 1,477,000 against 1,870,000 last year.

STEPPED IN DEEPER.

Wake Moonshiners Catch It Something or Other.

(News and Observer.)

On yesterday there were two parties before U. S. Commissioner Nichols charged with operating an illicit distillery. During the investigation it developed in the opinion of the Commissioner that two of the witnesses committed absolute and wilful perjury. Thereupon the Commissioner issued warrants against them for perjury and had them promptly arrested. This was quick work and speaks well for those charged with the execution of the laws. If all officers would act in this manner not so many guilty men would escape.

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Brotherhood Railway Clerks	264	R. A. Wright	208
Boys' Relief Club	202	Miss Lucille King	206
Miss Bertha Devane	204	Miss Bessie Sears	210
Miss Lydia Davis	210	S. A. Fray	201
Miss Janie Dudley	202	J. C. Haar	202
W. E. Jays	321	J. B. Wilson	201
Miss Mallie Houston	840	M. B. H.	201
Fenley Bros.	310	Miss Fenley, care Hospital	209
Naval Reserves	206	D. Hedderwick	201
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THE STATE IN EPITOME

¶News, Comment and Incidents as Reflected in North Carolina. : : : : : : : : : :

Tar Heel Texan Comes Home.

Fayetteville Observer: Mr. William Murphy, of Mexia, Texas, an old Cumberland boy, who has prospered in the West, has purchased the Murphy place near McNeill's bridge, in Rockfish, his old home, and also considerable adjoining property, and will shortly return to his native heath to live. Not only in Rockfish and Cotton to be congratulated, but all Cumberland will rejoice at the coming of this excellent gentleman.

Watch Your Christmas Stamps.

Charlotte Observer: Persons who are contemplating mailing letters and packages to friends in foreign countries with Christmas stickers, imitation stamps on the outside, should take notice that articles bearing these stickers are not mailable for Great Britain, Orange River Colony, Southern Rhodesia or the Transvaal. Germany will accept them provided the tags are pasted on the back instead of on the front.

Accidental Shooting.

Whiteville News-Reporter: Last evening, about 6 o'clock, Dr. T. T. Johnson, of Lumberton, was standing in front of Powell & Powell's store, talking with Col. D. J. Lewis and other gentlemen. The Doctor had a hand in his overcoat pocket. There was a sudden report of a pistol, accidentally fired in Dr. Johnson's pocket, the ball ranging around his hips, but happilly producing only a flesh wound. It is supposed the Doctor was unthoughtedly playing with the trigger when the weapon exploded.

Left Cab for 'Possum.

Salisbury Post: Fireman M. N. Misenheimer, who runs with Engineer J. H. Austell between Spencer and Greenville, S. C., achieved distinction as a 'possum hunter early yesterday morning. As the train was pulling up a heavy grade known as the Taw Creek hill, six miles south of Charlotte, Mr. Austell observed an opossum by the side of the track a short distance ahead. When he called Fireman Misenheimer's attention to it the latter jumped from the cab, made a dash, caught Mr. Possum and was back on his engine in a flash.

Major Howard Peeden Dead.

Maxton Scottish Chief: A kindly man passed away last Thursday night about 10 o'clock, when the messenger came for Howard Peeden, who lived on the McArn farm a couple of miles west of Maxton. Major Peeden died of heart disease rather suddenly in the 65th year of his age. He was a railroad engineer for many years, and always popular, He leaves a wife, who was a sister of Capt. Wm. McLaurin, of Laurinburg, and five children, three daughters and two sons, who have the sympathy of a host of friends. The funeral was at Laurinburg Saturday.

Arraigned After Eight Years.

Charlotte Observer: Ed Caton, a white man of Sharon township, was tried at some length yesterday morning in Superior Court, a woman named Ella Beaver being the co-defendant. It was offered in evidence by the State that Caton had run his wife and children away eight years ago, the woman being retained ostensibly as a domestic. Messrs. John A. Parker and Thaddeus A. Adams appeared for the defendant, while Mr. F. M. Shannonhouse assisted the solicitor in prosecuting. The case was hotly contested and was marked by several lively exchanges between attorneys. Caton was convicted and given two years on the roads. An appeal was taken to the Supreme Court.

CAR LINES FOR GASTONIA.

Southern Power Co., in Project to Construct and Operate System.

(Charlotte Observer.)

Messrs. W. S. Lee, vice president and chief engineer of the Southern Power Company, and ex-Judge F. I. Osborne, special counsel, appeared before the city council of Gastonia last night to declare the intention of those interested in the interurban traction project to begin work on the street car system of Gastonia before January 1. Franchise was granted this company several months ago when the plans of an interurban street car system were in an embryonic state in the minds of the promoters of the Southern Power Company and the determination seems to be to follow out the terms of the contract upon which a franchise was secured for Gastonia, stipulating that the work must begin before January 1. This project is only a part of the great scheme which is in the minds of the Duke interests to build a great interurban car line in the South, connecting the principal towns and cities of the Carolinas. While no official notice has been given, it has been persistenely stated that this system would extend as far south as Anderson, S. C., where the Dukes have already taken over the car system of that prosperous little town. The Carolina Traction Company was chartered some weeks ago at Columbia, S. C., under the laws of South Carolina, to construct and operate a street car system in Rock Hill, S. C., and other towns and the same interests are largely involved in the Gastonia enterprise. The capital stock of the concern is $300,000.

A NEW DEVICE THAT FAILED.

School Boy Tried to Padlock His Coat.

(News and Observer.)

It is an old story for bad boys in school to invent many and various devices to break the force of the application of the rod, when this painful necessity arises—in the opinion of the teacher, it never arises in the opinion of the boy. It is not uncommon, in anticipation of such an event, for boys to wear two coats, two pairs of pants, or to pad the strategical portion of their anatomy with boards, books or some other device. It has remained for an Asheville schoolboy, however, to introduce something altogether original. This boy rejoices in the name of Owen Mitchell and the Citizen says he patronizes the Orange street school of Asheville on occasion—when he isn't playing truant. He had absented himself so frequently in disregard of repeated warnings, that it became necessary to use sterner measures. The Citizen tells the story:

"The youthful offender accepted the situation as best he could and sought to make it better. Applying some of the brain energy, which, if properly directed, would have landed him at the head of his class, he appeared at school 'the morning after' with a seraphic smile and an arrangement which he foundly imagined would outclass any system ever devised for making punishment light. He was attired in a long coat which was buttoned in front by means of a padlock and chain passing through the button holes, the key to the lock being left at home. The plan was enough to stagger any except the most resourceful teacher. The principal could not apply the whipping in the best manner unless the coat was off and there was apparently no way of getting it off except by slashing the coat with a knife. But the principal rose to the occasion. Assistance being secured, Owen was 'skinned', at least skinned of his coat, since it was drawn over his head by force, the padlock not being disturbed. Then the recreant one got all that was coming to him."

ROBESON IS ALL RIGHT.

Farmers Happy, People Prosperous Not Talking Politics.

(Raleigh News and Observer.)

Mr. A. J. McKinnon, of Maxton, who was in Raleigh yesterday, says that the crops in Robeson are better than ever in the history of that good county. Robeson county last year raised 52,000 bales of cotton. This year the farmers have raised 60,000 bales, and this increase in the number of bales taken in connection with the price means that the farmers are in better shape than heretofore.

Mr. McKinnon has been placed in the field by his friends as a candidate for Congressman from the sixth district. He is one of the most successful business men, planters and truckers in North Carolina, and the leader in the Cotton Growers' Association. He is a strong man of high character, who has served his generation well, and, if nominated, would make a splendid Congressman.

Asked about the political situation in Robeson, Mr. McKinnon said: "To tell the truth, the people in Robeson are so busy with farming and business operations that they have given little time this year to talking politics. Our people are making great progress in every way and in off years seldom ever talk politics. Of course, next year, when the campaign comes on, Robeson will do its duty as it always does and the Democrats may rely on the biggest county to roll up a fine majority."

VANCE LETTERS AND PAPERS.

Mr. R. D. W. Connor Secures Valuable Data for Publication.

(News and Observer.)

Asheville, N .C., Dec. 9.—R. D. W Connor, secretary of the North Carolina Historical Commission, returned to Raleigh this morning. He has been visiting Asheville for the purpose of conferring with Mrs. Z. B. Vance concerning the publication by the State of the letters and papers of the late Senator Vance. Mrs. Vance has turned over to Mr. Connor many valuable letters and papers written by Senator Vance. The commission hopes to add to this collection a still larger number of letters received by the Senator's friends and correspondents. Several publications have been issued by the commission, but the members feel sure that no one of its publications will be received with greater interest by the people of North Carolina's greatest and best loved son. Letters now held as souvenirs by Senator Vance's correspondents may be either loaned or given to the State to be filed and preserved by the commission and such private matter as should not be printed can be left out by those editing the volumes. The commission is most anxious to get all letters written by Governor Vance, as even a date or reference may be of great value.

PEACE GIRLS PLAY BALL.

If Any Made the "Dive", There Were No Casualties.

(News and Observer.)

Yesterday afternoon a most interesing game of basket ball was played on the athletic field of Peace Institute by the Seniors against the Sophomores. The game was called at 3 o'clock. Then a heated contest began. The teams were unusually well matched and good playing was done by both sides. Special mention should be made of the fine playing of Miss Velma Morrow, who as guard kept the Sophomores well in the lead, and for Miss Ruth Nicholson to get her hands on the ball meant goal. While Miss Elizabeth McNair's splendid guarding for the Seniors caused much interest at the goal and Miss Minnie Bond wes so excellent in guarding that the outcome of the game was more than once doubtful.

The game ended with a victory for the Sophomores, 14 to 8. The line-up: Seniors—Misses Mary Rascoe, center; Mabel Pugh, center; Minnie Bond, guard; Elizabeth McNair, guard; Ada Jones, goal; Mamie Rennie, goal. Sophomores—Misses E. Taylor, center; Cora Montgomery, center; Susie Brown, goal, Ruth Nicholson, goal; Velma Morrow, guard; Sara Kornegay guard.

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The Murchison National Bank

of Wimington, N. C.
at the close of business, November 16, 1909.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts	$4,071,642.48
U. S. Bonds (at par)	551,000.00
Bank Building	25,000.00
N. C. State and other Bonds	170,420.50
Cash and Due by Banks	1,408,349.42
	$6,226,412.40

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock	$ 550,000.00
Surplus and Net Profit	351,423.93
Circulation	550,000.00
U. S. Bond Account	100,000 00
Deposits	4,674,988.47
	$6.226,412.40

DEPOSITS.

November 16th, 1907	$2,125,502.71
November 16th, 1908	$3,075,047.52
November 16th, 1909	$4,674,988.47

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SUNDAYS—Leave Front and Princess streets at 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A M., 1:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:0f 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:10, 7:10 and 8:30 P. M.

TO WILMINGTON.

WEEK DAYS—Leave Lumina at 7:45, 9:15, and 10:45 A. M., 12:15 1:45, 3:45, 5:15, 7:50 and 9:15 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave Lumina at 9:45 10:45 A. M., 12:15, 1:45, 3:15, 3:45 4:15, 4:45, 5:15, 5:45, 6:25, 6:50, 7:50 and 9:15 P. M.

TO WRIGHTSVILLE.

WEEK DAYS—Leave Front and Princess streets at 6:50, 8:00, 8:30 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 3:00, 4:30 6:10, 7:10, 8:30, 10:00 and 11:00 P. M

SUNDAYS—Leave Front and Princess streets at 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A M., 1:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:10, 7:10, 8:30, 10:00 and 11:00 P. M.

TO WILMINGTON.

WEEK DAYS—Leave Wrightsville at 6:20, 7:55, 8:25, 9:25, 10:55 A. M. 12:25, 1:55, 3:55, 5:25, 6:35, 8:00 9:25, 10:25 and 11:25 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave Wrightsville at 9:55, 10:55 A. M., 12:25, 1:55, 3:25, 3:55, 4:25, 4:55, 5:25, 5:55, 6:35, 7:00, 8:00, 9:25, 10:25 and 11:25 P. M.

CAROLINA PLACE. UNION DEPOT. TO CAROLINA PLACE.

WEEK DAYSLeave Union Depot 6:45 A. M. and every 20 minutes thereafter until 10:25 P. M.

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Lv	Norfolk	7:30 a.m.	7:30 p.m.
Ar	Petersburg	10:25 a.m.	10:20 p.m.
Lv	Durham	7:00 a.m.	6:30 p.m.
Ar	Lynchburg	2:30 p.m.	2:13 a.m.
Ar	Cincinnati	7:30 a.m.	7:20 p.m.
Ar	Columbus	6:45 a.m.	7:45 p.m.
Ar	Chicago	5:00 p.m.	7:50 a.m.
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No. 39—3:20 P. M.—For Hamlet, connecting with through trains for Atlanta, Charlotte, Birmingham, Jacksonville, Norfolk, New York and trains in all directions.

Trains Arrive at Wilmington.

No. 40—1:15 P. M.—From Halet.

No. 44—12:20 A. M.—From Charlotte and Hamlet.

No. 45 connects at Hamlet with No. 66 for all points North at Monroe with No. 53 for Atlanta.

No. 39 connects at Hamlet with No. 41 for Atlanta, Birmingham, Memphis and Charlotte, with No. 84 and No. 92 for Washington and New York and Portsmouth, Norfolk and No. 43 for Columbia, Savannah and Jacksonville.

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Correct to November 14, 1909.

NOTICE.

The arrivals and departure are given as information, as well as connections with other companies; but arrivals and connections are not guaranteed.

NORTHBOUND.

	No. 48. Daily.	No. 42. Daily.
Lv. Wilmington	8:45 am	7:00 pm
Ar. Goldsboro	12:00 pm	9:55 pm
Ar. Wilson	1:00 pm	10:52 pm
Ar. Rocky Mount	1:35 pm	11:30 pm
Ar. Weldon	4:55 pm	2:09 am
Ar. Norfolk	5:55 pm	*8:35 am
Ar. Petersburg	7:05 pm	4:05 am
Ar. Richmond	8:00 pm	4:40 am
Ar. Washington	11:50 pm	8:00 am
Ar. Baltimore	1:15 am	9:20 am
Ar. W. Phila.	3:45 am	11:44 pm
Ar. New York	6:30 am	2:00 pm

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 41. Daily.	No. 49. Daily.
Lv. New York	3:25 pm	9:25 pm
Lv. W. Phila.	5:44 pm	12:19 am
Lv. Baltimore	8:20 pm	2:46 am
Lv. Washington	10:00 pm	4:20 am
Lv. Norfolk	3:20 pm	8:25 am
Lv. Richmond	1:20 am	8:15 am
Lv. Petersburg	1:55 am	9:13 am
Lv. Weldon	3:40 am	11:35 am
Lv. Rocky Mount	5:00 am	12:50 pm
Lv. Wilson	5:36 am	2:09 pm
Lv. Goldsboro	6:35 am	3:05 pm
Ar. Wilmington	9:30 am	6:10 pm

WEST AND SOUTH.

	51	55	Via Wilson 42
Lv. Wil't'n	6:00 am	3:30 pm	7:00 pm
Ar Flor.	9:25 am	7:25 pm	3:45 am
Ar Col'bia.	1:00 pm	10:45 pm	
Ar Aug'ta.	3:00 pm		
Ar Atl'ta.	8:20 pm		
Ar. Nash.	6:35 am		
Ar Mem.	3:30 pm		
Ar Louv.	1:10 pm		
Ar Con'ti.	4:35 pm		
Ar Chars.	1:36 pm	11:25 pm	6:40 am
Ar Savh.	3:56 pm	2:20 am	9:00 am
Ar Jk'ville	8:10 pm	7:10 am	1:20 pm
Ar Tampa.	7:00 am	7:00 pm	9:55 pm

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NORTHBOUND.

	50 Daily.	54 Daily.
Lv. Tampa	9:00 pm	10:30 am
Lv. Jacksonville	7:30 am	7:45 pm
Lv. Savannah	11:40 am	12:15 am
Lv Charleson	4:00 pm	5:10 am
Lv Columbia	4:25 pm	6:00 am
Lv Augusta	2:45 pm	
Lv. Florence	7:58 pm	9:25 am
Ar. Wilmngton	11:30 am	1:25 pm

WILMINGTON AND SANFORD.

Westbound. 53 Daily.		Eastbound. 52 Daily.
8:40 AM	Lv Wilmington Ar	8:05 PM
11:45 AM	Ar Fayetteville Lv	4:50 PM
12:10 PM	Lv Fayetteville Ar	4:45 PM
1:40 PM	Ar Sanford Lv	3:30 PM

WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN.

Northbound. 62 Daily except Sunday.		Southbound. 63
3:25 PM	Lv Wilmington Ar	12:50 PM
5:17 PM	Ar Jacksonville Lv	10:55 AM
6:44 PM	Ar N & S. Jct Lv	9:35 AM
6:50 PM	Ar Newbern Lv	9:30 AM

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Saturday, December 11, 1909.

WONDERFUL WONDERBERRY BUGS.

The Greensboro Patriot, which is the hottest little agriculturist, rose-gardener, vine-trimmer, and trucking expert now digging around these parts, we regret to see thus non-committal about a controversy that for a long time has shaken to the bottom all the celery banks and mushroom cellars of every expert and amateur gardener in the land:

"The wonderberry war goes merrily on and promises to equal in interest and partisan feeling the Cook-Peary polar scrap. Some folks are found who pronounce the wonderberry a vulgar weed perpetrated on the public at a long price, while as many others are equally warm in singing its praises. It seems to be a case where a fellow must hear the evidence presented and then be his own judge."

If we had been asked to name one who, on receipt of the first "Wonderberry" advertisement, had assuredly sent along a hopefully shining samoleon and afterwards smacked his lips in appreciation as he planted the seed, we should have named the Greensboro Patriot out of hand. But it seems not Had it an opinion, we might from home authority gain a just and impartial verdict. In the absence of such opportunity from a better source, we can only fall back on a personal experience.

Know you that the "Wonderberry" is the product of Luther Burbank, the wizard with flowers, weeds and fruits. It was touted as a toothsome combination between a Sampson blue, a blackheart cherry, a Georgia peach, a sunkissed plum, and a ponderosa tomato. When a gardener friend sent a basket of small black berries of a nauseating sweetness and a disgusting consistency, the shock was manifestly great. But with the berries came a bug—a long, ash-grey bug of a malignant countenance and executive-looking legs. Never, said the gardener, except upon the "Wonderberry" had been found such a bug. Wherefore the bug went to the bugologist, and wonderful were the things he told of him—his nativity, origin, up-bringing, commercial uses, genealogy, and as fine a set of Latin and Greek names as ever a bug crawled off with. Wherefore, again, all of this was transmitted to the gardener in possession of the berries and the bugs—and this is what he wrote back:

"The wonderberry is a wonder—when it comes to bugs!"

Between the attitude of the Burbankers, who declare the Wonderberry a wonderful fruit, and the counter-declaration of the anti-Burbankfards, who swear it is a mere nightshade gone wrong, we suggest from this experience that it is designed by nature as the proper food for the toniest, best dressed, most aristocratic bug that has visited these parts in lo these many moons.

If you don't believe that, write the bugologist yourself.

The News and Observer quotes Congressman Fowler, of New Jersey, as saying: "I do not believe the American people are going to permit Mr. Aldrich to pick their pockets through the legerdemain of words. A thunderbolt of righteous indignation and punitive wrath will strike, paralyze, and shatter the Republican party unless it utterly repudiates Aldrichism and its subservient complement, Cannonism." It strikes us that Mr. Fowler is something of a thunderer himself, but with little lightning in his cosmos. The only way to be rid of Cannonism is to elect a Democratic House, and certainly that cannot happen if we let Cannon weigh us down with Fowler, et al.

"Coming as unexpected as do eclipses of the solar king to dwellers in lands where science is unknown, the 'shades of the prison house' blotted out the clear December sunlight from two men yesterday and enveloped them for an indefinite period in somber gloom", says the Charlotte Observer police court reporter. "This is so sudden."

Collier's Weekly is sending out detailed information as to how the several Senators and Representatives voted on the various schedules of the recent tariff bill. That is possibly something more than the several Senators and Representatives know themselves, in more than one instance.

SUBSIDIES.

If there be any "subsidy" connected with the operation of the postoffice Department, dealt with in President Taft's message, in connection with the deficit arising from the operation of the second-class mail privileges, it is not for the benefit of the newspapers, magazines and periodicals which enjoy that special pound rate, but for the whole people of the country, who enjoy the benefits accruing from cheaper prices for the literature or information that they purchase. For good and sufficient reasons, the Government made a monopoly of the carriage of the mails. The reason was probably that in this most vital of all matters of communication, in which the humblest citizen has an interest, lay the exception to the principle that the way of enterprise was to be left free to individual initiative. Correspondence, the means of communicating speedy and at small cost, was seen to be so necessary to the welfare of the country that the country became responsible for its safety and efficiency. So, in the line of logical development it was found necessary in the interests of a widespread and intelligent knowledge of the partnership of government in which the people are shareholders to afford them every opportunity to obtain such means of communication. Had the telegraph been an accepted fact in the days when the "post roads" clause was placed in the Constitution, is there an intelligent person who entertains a doubt but that the clause would have included a monopoly of communication by wire as well as by letter?

So far from being a subsidy, therefore, the deficit in the post-office department is on its face no more nor less than the price that all the people pay for the opportunity of intelligent participation in the affairs of their own government. Ultimately it is the people who are responsible for the policy of the government, and it is no more than right that there should be every encouragement toward their proper understanding of the destiny of the enterprise which they are backing, as well as of quick and easy reports of the means and methods taken by their servants in attending to their business. Every quarter the Steel Corporation, for instance, sends to its humblest stockholder a detailed statement of the business of the company. Is that policy, because it brings no return, a "deficit?" Is it not, on the contrary, the most necessary of legitimate expenses in the opportunity which it affords the great mass of those who make the corporation of using their intelligence, according to the degree of their ability, to ascertain their position in respect to that in which their interests are placed?

The deficit in the operation of the post-office merely means that that department is not operated in accordance with the strict regard for business which would characterize a private enterprise of equal scope. The Government, however, is conceded to be the agency by which the mails should be carried; but whether the service is a paying or a losing investment, the gain to the people as a whole from the second-class mail privileges far overbalances any loss which they must make good by the indirect taxation which the Government imposes upon them. As a matter of fact, it is doubtless true that a large part of the discrepancy between disbursements and receipts arising from this class of business can be traced to the mail carrying contracts which the Government has with the railroads; and in this connection it is doubtless true that were newspapers permitted to enter into private agreements with common carriers, they would secure a charge even less than the rate imposed by the Government. Also, in that contingency, as suggested by the News and Courier, it would be possible for papers to stipulate as to suitable schedules, instead of being as now dependent, often to their great loss, on inadequate railroad service.

It is also true that the second-class mail privilege is subjected to further loss by the inclusion within its benefits of doubtful publications, in nature strictly of trade and not news or literary character. The department itself has recognized this fact, and attempted to deal with it with but indifferent success. Again, there is a deficit in the rural delivery business of the department, (itself, it is true, an aid to newspapers and periodicals), but primarily of benefit to the farmers of the country. Are the farmers, then, subsidized because of late years they have been given a proportionate benefit of the means of quick communication which for years they proportionately paid for without return?

The way in which to stop the deficits in the post-office department of the Government, as in other departments, is to establish strict economy and business methods in the conduct of official business. It will have but a poor influence toward establishing the principle of a ship subsidy, for instance,, to suggest to newspapers that they are themselves "subsidized" by the Government and had therefore better be chary in opposing subsidies in other directions. The moot point upon which the fate of the ship subsidy will finally depend is whether the benefit to ship owners is, or is not, incidental to the benefit to the whole people. In the complicated nature of the ship subsidy idea there is good reason both for and against this proposition; but as to where the ultimate benefit rests in the quick and easy distribution of newspapers and periodicals, there is no room for decent controversy.

A JACKAL IN THE BUSH.

The Caucasian—Marion Butler's paper, mind you—reprinting a newspaper comment to the effect that not only Governor Comer, but all other Southern demagogues would soon be defunct, adds its own muggy breath to the chorus to say:

"And may the time hasten when all the political demagogues in the South are defunct. They have done more to retard the progress of our beautiful Southland than boll weevil, hook-worm and all other pests put together. Had it not been for them the Confederate soldiers would today be drawing handsome pensions from the Federal government."

In one respect, at least, the Caucasion is a competent witness to speak of the harm done the South by "demagogues". Not the least harm, by one than whom no other demagogue could be greater in the characteristics that go to earn the name, was that which followed in this State upon the willingness to betray and the sophistry to deceive of the same Marion Butler who now rises, an impotent and futile ghost, from a long time political burial. Had this been all, we would have smiled, as at the spectacle of an ugly wraith holding out spectral arms to catch a vanished power. When, however, it is suggested that, but for demagogues, the Confederate soldier would now be drawing a Federal pension, it is necessary to throw a brick at a jackal skirting the walls of hallowed places of the dead. Even the suggestion, when directed to such men as the Veterans of the South, would be an insult did it not come from one unclean. It is the glory of the South that the men who fought for it conquered even defeat and persecution at the hands which it is now suggested they would be glad to lick did not "demagogues" restrain them. They, at any rate, are not the men to take with relish the hyena's fare.

Of the spirit of the great mass of the Confederate soldiers, besieged as they were in the moment of distress by such as would purchase their birthright and besmirch their faith with bribes, might be spoken as Cyrano spoke in the minute of his dissolution, the while he fought the phantoms that so long had been in conflict with his honor:

"What shy you? It is useless? Ay, I know!
"But who fights ever hoping for success?
"I fought for lost cause, and for fruitless quest!
"You there! Who are you!—You are thousands! Ah!
"I know you now, old enemies of mine!
"Falsehood!
"Have at you! Ha! and Compromise!
"Prejudice, Treachery!
"Surrender, I?
"Parley? No, never! You too, Folly—you?
"I know that you will lay me low at last;
"Let be! Yet I fall fighting, fighting still!
"You strip from me the laurel and the rose!
"Take all! Despite you there is yet one thing
"I hold against you all, and when, tonight,
"I enter Christ's fair courts, and, lowly bowed,
"Sweep with doffed casque the heavens' fireshold blue,
"One thing is left, that, void of stain or smutch,
"I bear away despite you"
He falls. Roxane: "'Tis?"
Cyrano: "My panache!"

WAR IN THE VIRGINIAS.

It is now within the province of Secretary of State Knox to tell the marines to march on Richmond and Charleston, W. Va., and restore order. The breach of the peace by Attorney General-elect Williams in pounding a lawyer of West Virginia—also a citizen of the United States—has the Nicaraguan situation paralleled so that it would make one cross-eyed to try to look at one without seeing the other. Under these circumstances the action of Virginia—an unruly Democratic State with a Constitutional Amendment—can but appeal to the War Department as a violation of all those things which the Administration considers encumbent on all gentlemen who play at war without first getting its permission. It is to be surmised that these belligerents will be dealt with by a strong hand, and that the guilty representative of a rantanker ous commonwealth, who dared to black the eye of a patriot of a Republican State—also an American citizen—may be banished to Oklahoma without more ado.

In the interests of the permanency of peace, we understand that it is not impossible that the Federal government may settle Virginia's pretensions as to the money West Virginia owes it, by annexing the mother to the child, and placing it under the authority of a daughter which it lost during the War Between the States by the benevolent kidnapping of the Northern armies.

If Brokaw didn't want his wife to kiss, he might have tried telepathy in place of telegraphy.

The Copenhagen scientists may be beginning to have a feeling that the position of umpire is not without its draw-backs.

The real insurgent movement will begin when "Uncle Joe" gets out of the chair and takes to the floor. And the insurgence will be to cover.

"Red Bug can boast of some good entertainments", writes "Wild Bill", a Whiteville News-Reporter correspondent. But how about the entertainees?

Writing of the interest in the question of whether Supreme Court Justice Manning will succeed himself or be defeated for a re-nomination, the Washington Times calls attention to the fact that the terms of Chief Justice Clark and Associate Justice Walker also expire on January 1st, 1911. The Times need not worry about who will succeed these two gentlemen.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Without serious damage to the world, Mr. Taft could still take a few courses in the Boil Her Down Club.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

We desire to know whether Mr. Calhoun in starting out for the Chinese mission will take the precaution to purchase a 30-day return ticket.—Richmond Times Dispatch.

William Watson, the poet, is doing a grave injustice to two of America's foremost citizens. He is taking up more space than Jim Jeffries and Lil' Jack Johnson.—Washington Post.

"We will succeed," said Mr. Andrew Carnegie in a recent address at Hampton Normal School, "in obliterating as completely the line between the white and the black as we have between the Blue and the Gray." Another well-meaning citizen who slopped over very badly.—Charlotte Observer.

Better stay in North Carolina. The Statesville Landmark says that Mr Robie Smith, who recently went to Oklahoma, "was very much displeased and returned to North Carolina with the idea that it is the place of all others." That ought to be a warning to those mistaken souls who think of leaving God's country.—News and Observer.

France is said to be afraid of race suicide, and the government proposes to give a bonus for every child born. If the State of North Carolina were to do this, wouldn't the taxpayers raise a kick? says the Winston-Salem Journal. Yes, but in the long run it would be a wise investment, for the best immigrants are those we raise at home. North Carolina families are not so large as of old.—News and Observer.

Greensboro is to make a trial of Sunday blue laws. An ordinance that it is predicted will pass at Friday night's meeting will close all soft drink establishments and cigar stores and will prohibit the sale of any article of merchandise except a necessity. Restaurants will be allowed to serve meals only and hotels will be permitted to sell cigars to bona fide guests. Watch for the pendulum to take a swing the other way one of these fine days.—Salisbury Post.

Mr. W. H. Thompson, of Whiteville township, handed us something new in the way of a strawbery plant. It had run up into a stalk, about 12 inches tall, which had yellow blooms at top and which went to seed. Mr. Chester Watkins, at Pine Log, last Spring planted some of these seed and raised from them 14 plants. The strawberry is the Lady Thompson variety. Mr. Thompson says berries grow along up the stalk.—Whiteville News-Reporter.

Throughout the message Mr. Taft is moderate in his views and temperate in speech. He has no startling novelties to offer, no catch words to tickle the ear, and no appeals to class prejudices. When he advances a reform he does it patiently and deliberately, and after full consideration of its bearing on present conditions. With Mr. Taft the administration of the government is apparently a plain matter of business in the public interest, not a game to be played for personal amusement or political effect.—New York World.

The Bank of Robeson has fitted up the McRae store lately vaacted by Mr. A. M. McNair, for temporary quarters, and will begin business there next Wednesday the 15th instant. The promoters of this new Maxton enterprise are encouraged by the reception accorded them by the people of this section. We trust that ere long the banking resources of the town will be more than doubled and that both institutions will prove profitable to the stockholders and a blessing to the people.—Maxton Scottish Chief.

With a commission from the Governor as delegate to the National Rivers and Harobrs Congress which met in Washington, D. C., Wednesday and yesterday, with mileage for part of the journey in his pocket and loved ones up there to visit, the editor has been compelled to sacrifice pleasure to duty and stand by The Chief in the hurry of preparation for the Christmas number in addition to this issue. The temptation to drop business was indeed strong—but every day will be "Sunday bye and bye."—Maxton Scottish Chief.

Though the President didn't recommend everything he had promised to in his message, there is no ground for uneasiness, we judge, among those who believe in never ending change as a system of government. The President has more than three years to work in, and he believes in all the Roosevelt policies. He does not believe in forcing them on the country against the country's will, and he does not believe in the Roosevelt way of enforcing them when once established, but he does believe in the policies and will endeavor to have them established by law.—Petersburg Index-Appeal.

The Charlotte Chronicle truly says that "good roads and the rural free delivery are proving the death of the old-style weekly newspaper. The Wadesboro Messenger and Intelligencer is the latest to knock under. Hereafter it will be published twice a week. The old-time habit of waiting from one week to the next to read what has happened, and incidentally to get amusement from the advice the editor is in the habit of handing out to his rural constituency, is rapidly fading out of sight. The paper that makes a specialty of news has to run a fast schedule these days."—Kinston Free Press.

There are several suits pending in different parts of the State on account of failure to deliver cotton sold in advance, and one big mercantile firm in York county has failed because the farmers failed to come up with the cotton which they contracted for. Most of the Marlboro farmers who sold in advance walked up and took their medicine like men. We know of one man, however, who requested a merchant in Bennettsville to sell several bales for him when it reached a certain price last Spring. When the price was reached, the merchant sold the cotton. This fall the farmer did not bring up the cotton, and the merchant had to pay just $20 a bale on the contract.—Bennettsville Advocate.

Is it merely an appeal to our prejudices that Mr. Roosevelt says "an American flag is always at the head of the caravan?" Why should an American flag be carried on a hunt in Africa while traversing British territory? Was it a mark of courtesy or cowardice that Duke Alexis omitted to unfurl the Russian flag while shooting our buffalo and hundreds of Englishmen in the West omit to unfurl a lot of ramping lions or leopards over homes planted in America? When the Prince of Wales came over why did he neglect the duty of marching through Boston under the emblem of England's greatness? If a common rhinoceros puts a foot on the flag must we order a bombardment of the Dark Continent?—Florida Times-Union.

According to the report of Col. Henry G. Hester, secretary of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange, the amount of cotton brought into sight during the first three monhs of the season was 5,802,341 bales, a decrease under the same period last year of 544,368 bales. The exports were 3,031,495 bales, a decrease of 112,500 bales. The takings were, by Northern spinners, 820,221 bales, a decrease of 182,901 bales, by Southern spinners, 696,963, an increase of 11,723 bales . During 94 days of the season the movement was 5,942,485 bales, a decrease under the same period last year of 710,022 bales. The exports were 3,105,254 bales, a decrease of 166,815 bales. The takings were, by Northern spinners, 866,335 bales, a decrease of 199,915 bales; by Southern spinners, 719,048 bales, an increase of 8,151 bales.—Manufacturers' Record.

One of the boss grafters in a well-known western fruit valley gets $5 per day for the time he puts in. This is cited merely to call attention to the fact that any man who will take the pains to equip himself as a practical horticulturist and fruit ranch superintendent can count on getting a generous salary, for there is a lot of money being invested in western orchards and it is not likely that the wealthy owners will let a matter of $40 or $50 a month stand in the way of their getting the right kind of men to look after their properties. Land that will yield an annual net return of from $300 to $1,500 per acre is going to be well tended both as regards soil and trees ,and he is a level headed fellow who fits himself to do this kind of work as it ought to be done.—Greensboro Patriot.

There were no men more useful and heroic in the War Between the States than the surgeons of the Confederate army. Medicines, contrary to all ethics of warfare, had been made contraband and these doctors had no adequate means of coping with disease and conducting the work of the hospital. But they almost wrought miracles , "making bricks without straw." This week two of these army physicians died in Wake county—Dr. J. W. McGee, of Raleigh, and Dr. R. H. Harris, who lived near Wake Forest. They studied medicine together in Philadelphia and their duties in the army often caused them to sleep under the same blanket, and both died on the same day. Both were deservedly held in the highest esteem and are mourned by a large circle of friends who knew what they had sacrificed and the nobility of their lives. Few remain of these faithful and noble physicians of Lee's army. They were the highest type of the manhood of the noblest profession.—News and Observer.

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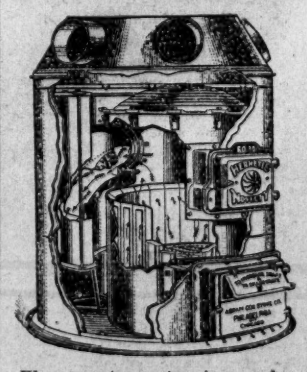

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VERDICT FOR THE PLAINTIFF

Mr. J. D. Lowry Wins Action Against Cape Fear Dairy—Divorce Granted—Other Cases Tried in Superior Court.

Practically all of Wednesday afternoon and yesterday morning in Superior Court was taken up in the hearing of the case of J. D. Lowry against the Cape Fear Dairy, involving a claim for alleged balance due for sinking a well. The defendant refused to pay the amount on the ground that the plaintiff gauranteed good water which it was alleged was not obtained.

The case was given to the jury at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon and a short time later a verdict was returned in favor of the plaintiff for the full amount, $122.46 with interest. Hon. John D. Bellamy ,of counsel for the defendant, moved that the verdict be set aside on the ground that the jury must have been under a misapprehension of the facts in the case. The motion was resisted by Herbert McClammy, Esq., counsel for the plaintiff. Judge Allen overruled the motion.

Dr. Joseph Akerman and Dr. Thos. B. Carroll were called as expert witnesses for the defense and samples of the water from the well were introduced by both sides. The jurors took a drink of the water.

Mrs. Ethel D. H. Hopkins was granted a divorce from her husband, Frank M. Hopkins, infidelity being the allegation. Herbert McClammy appeared for the plaintiff. The case was not contested.

The case of the United States Candy Co., against the Crescent Candy Co., was continued. In the case of A. W. Pate & Co., against Herbert McClammy, Judge Allen signed an order referring the matter to Junius Davis, Esq., as referee.

The greater portion of the afternoon session was taken up with a trial of the case of J. S. Jordan against the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company. The plaintiff was suing for $50 as damages to two carts which were smashed up in a collision with the railroad's dummy engine. The case went to the jury at 5:15 o'clock and a few minutes later a verdict was returned in favor of the defendant. Walter P. Gafford, Esq., appeared for the plaintiff and Thos. W. Davis, Esq., for the defendant.

City Tax Cases.

W. P. Mangum Turner and Cameron F. MacRae, Esqs., referees, appointed by Judge Allen at the last term of court to investigate the old city tax cases which have been on the docket for some time, made their report to the court late yesterday afternoon. The report shows the findings of the referee in each case, both as to the facts and conclusions of law. Judge Allen met with the referees in the Clerk's office last night to go over the different cases. Those present besides Judge Allen and the referees were City Attorney Herbert McClammy, J. O. Carr, Esq., who was the first to suggest to the court that there were many cases on the docket which should not be there, and Deputy Clerk of Court W. N. Harriss. Judgements in several of the cases were signed last night. The other cases will be more fully considered today.

At 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon the case of Louis Tindal against The Imperial Mutual Health and Life Insurance Co. was taken up and most of the testimony was heard before adjournment of court for the day. The plaintiff alleges that he had a sick benefit policy in the defendant company and that the company refused to pay him for the time he was ill in New York State. The amount involved is $55. The defendant company contends that the application for the money was not made according to the form prescribed by them. L. Clayton Grant, Esq., represents the plaintiff while Herbert McClammy, Esq., appears for the defendant company.

ATHLETIC MEET TODAY.

Participated in by School Students at League Park.

The programme was announced yesterday for the athletic meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock at League Park, which promises to be one of the most interesting of such events ever witnessed in the city. The principal features are the contests between the Hemenway, Union and the High schools.

Considerable interest is being manifested and the students who will participate have been in training for several weeks. Mr. B. H. Tyrrell, physical director of the Y. M. C. A., is one of the supervisors of the meet, and has arranged a splendid programme of events.

The events will be as follows: First, broad jump, Union and Hemenway; 2nd, broad jump, High School; 3rd, bag race, Union and Hemenway; 4th, high jump, High School; 5th, 60-yard dash, Union and Hemenway; 6th, 60-yard dash, High School; 7th, three-legged race, Union and Hemenway; 8th, same event, High school; 9th, putting shot, High School; 10th, potato race, Union and Hemenway; 11th, relay race, High School; 14th, dress suit case relay, Union and Hemenway; 15th, pole vaulting, High School; 16th, specialties.

The public is invited to attend.

FUNERAL OF MRS. STRAUSS.

Services From the Late Residence Yesterday Afternoon.

The funeral of Mrs. Annie Elizabeth Strauss, wife of Mr. John H. Strauss, who passed away Thursday evening, was held from the late residence, 709 North Fourth street at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, conducted by Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, assisted by Rev. Dr. J. H. Foster, pastor of the First Baptist church. There were present many friends and relatives and there was a profusion of floral designs. The interment was in Oakdale cemetery. The pall-bearers were: Honorary, Dr. A. D. McDonald, Messrs. Jesse Wilder and J. E. Wilkinson; active, Messrs. W. H. Sprunt, John H. Rehder, George Heyer, W. C. Peterson, Joe D. Smith, and Charles W. Stewart.

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HAD PERSONAL ENCOUNTER

Assistant Chief of Police and Magistrate-Deputy Sheriff Engage in Affray—Both Were Arrested—An Investigation.

Assistant Chief of Police C. S. Burnett and Mr. J. H. Sykes, a justice of the peace and deputy sheriff, had a personal encounter at police headquarters at 3:35 o'clock yesterday morning, each striking the other. Both were arrested on the charge of an affray and will be tried before the Recorder Monday morning, the cases having been continued from yesterday. The Police and Fire Commission will hold an investigation after the trial in the Recorder's court and in the meantime Assistant Chief Burnett has been relieved of his duties by Chief Williams, acting under instructions from the chairman of the commission.

According to the witnesses to the difficulty Rena Hall, a denizen of the underworld, entered police headquarters at 3:30 o'clock yesterday morning followed closely by Justice Sykes. The woman is quoted as telling Chief Burnett, who was seated in a chair, that Mr. Sykes had arrested her. She stated further that she had sworn out a warrant before Recorder Furlong against a young man of the city and the warrant had been placed in the hands of Mr. Skyes, who was acting as a deputy sheriff, for service. According to her statement she was much afraid of the person for whom she had the warrant issued and she wanted it served immediately. She claimed that Mr. Sykes had had an opportunity to serve the warrant but was afraid to do it. She wanted Mr. Sykes to turn the warrant over to the police so it would be served before day. Mr. Sykes is quoted as saying that he would not surrender the warrant to any one and then began to tell of his authority as an official. Mr. Burnett is quoted as saying that it didn't look to him like a man in a drunken condition should be allowed to serve papers. Mr. Sykes was standing over Mr. Burnett's chair, and asked the policeman to name a time when he was drunk. Mr. Burnett is said to have replied that Mr. Sykes was then in an intoxicated condition, to which Mr. Sykes is quoted as saying in effect, "You are a d—lie," at the same time striking the officer, who was still in the chair. Mr. Sykes is said to have made several other attempts to strike the assistant chief. Mr. Burnett raised up and struck Mr. Sykes on the nose, felling him, and causing blood to flow freely. Mr. Sykes lay on the floor in a dazed condition for some minutes. The hospital ambulance was summoned, but proved a splendid retreat for seaen up and stated that he felt able to go to his home, and a carriage was secured for him. Patrolman C. E. Wood was present and at the request of Assistant Chief Burnett placed both men under arrest and entered a charge of affray against them.

Mr. Burnett stated last night that he attempted to place Mr. Sykes under arrest, but Mr. Sykes was striking so rapidly he could not do it and that he had to return the blow to quiet him.

THE ASSOCIATED CHARITIES.

Appeal Should Not Longer Go Unheeded—Need is Pressing Now.

It is a source of regret for the Star to learn that the recent appeals made by its president, the Rev. Dr. McClure, in behalf of The Associated Charities have not met with the cordial responses so characteristic of the charitably inclined of Wilmington and it is the purpose of this notice to again call the attention of the public to its duty toward this magnificent work, especially just now when the cold weather makes the need imperative. In a letter to the Star Dr. McClure says:

"The faithful secretary of our Associated Charities has informed me that very little money was sent in response to my appeals just before Thanksgiving and our current expenses cannot be met and wood paid for needed for this month of December and for January. More than a hundred dollars is needed at once. I feel sure our good people will send us all we need Yours for the work,

"Dr. A. D. McCLURE, President.

The Star takes it that nothing further needs be said after the letter of Dr. McClure and it is hoped the responses will be not only generous but prompt.

SERVICE TO CAROLINA PLACE.

Cars Every Fifteen Minutes Beginning With New Schedule Today.

In response to a petition signed by a large number of residents in Carolina Heights and Carolina Place, the Tidewater Power Company announces that effective today a fifteen-minute schedule of cars to these favorite suburbs will be observed. The cars will leave Carolina Place on the hours, quarters, halves and three-quarters and Front Princess street seven minutes after, 22 minutes after, 37 and 52 minutes after each hour and the extension of the service to Front and Red Cross will be discontinued, all cars stopping in the future at Front and Princess. The first car will leave Front and Princess at 6:52 A. M. and the first from Carolina Place at 6:45 A. M. The last car leaves Carolina Place at 10:45 P. M. and the last car leaves Front and Princess at 10:37 P. M. This schedule will give a much better service to residents at these two popular suburbs and the announcement will be received with very much pleasure.

HAD NARROW ESCAPE.

Four-Year-Old Boy Struck by Fender of Street Car.

While in the act of crossing Fourth street, near Bladen, at 11 o'clock yesterday morning, the four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bullard, of 409 Bladen street, was struck by the fender of a junction-bound street car, but escaped injury. The motorman was able to bring his car to a standstill within a few feet of the point where the lad was caught up. Though very much frightened and somewhat shaken up the lad was not injured. He was picked up by his father and taken to his home a short distance away.

TWO CONFERENCES HELD

In the Interest of the Boys of the Community—Messrs. J. A. Johnson and C. C. Robinson Speak. Mass Meeting.

Preparatory to a mass meeting in the interest of the boys of the community at Grace Methodist Church Sunday afternoon, a conference of prominent Y. M. C. A. and church workers was held in the rooms of the association last night and a meeting of the Boys Workers' Committee of the local association will be held this evening. Mr. John J. Blair presided at the meeting last night and there was a fairly good attendance.

Three interesting and instructive addresses were made. Mr. B. H. Tyrrell, physical director of the Y. M. C. A. spoke of the great value of physical development and explained the significance of the athletic meet at League Park this afternoon. He was followed by Mr. J. A. Johnson, secretary of the students and boys' department of the Y. M. C. A. for the Carolinas, who told of the plans for a conference in Charlotte early in February of the older boys and the workers with boys. Mr. C. C. Robinson, International Boys' Work Secretary for the Southern States, who was here a short time ago in the interest of the boys, made an address on "Religious Life of Boys," showing convincingly that this side of the boys' life must not be neglected.

Yesterday afternoon the teachers of the graded schools assembled at Hemenway school to hear addresses by Messrs. Robinson and Johnson. Mr. Robinson spoke for an hour and his remarks were of much interest to the teachers, who gave him close attention. He spoke of the various problems of the teachers from a boy's standpoint. He said that when the boys are approached by association workers they feel that it is in a spirit of friendship while on the other hand they view the approach of the teacher as being one of authority. In other words, he explained how the association carried on very effectively its work among the youths of the land. He referred to the fact that a majority of the children quit school before they are 14, five-sixths of them, he said, and declared that the teachers would have to put forth great efforts to check this tendency. Mr. Johnson spoke briefly of the work.

Mr. Robinson was here a few weeks ago and held several preliminary conferences with prominent church and association workers. Mr. Robinson stated last night that the Wilmington people were taking great interest in the movement in the interest of the boys and he was sure great good would result.

FUNERAL OF MR. MOORE.

Conducted Yesterday From Residence of Mr. Walker, Near Currie.

The funeral of the late Mr. A. C. Moore, whose sad death at Currie has been announced, was conducted at 12 o'clock yesterday from the residence of Mr. Walker by the Rev. W. M. Sikes, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Burgaw, and the remains were laid to rest in Cedardale, the family estate near Currie. There were present a large number of friends from Pender and other counties, including Capt. C. E. McCulloch, Mr. George Lucas, Mr. J. N. Fennell, Mr. Roy Fennell, Mr. B. F. Keith and others of this city. Mr. Egbert Moore, of Wilmington, a brother of the deceased, was with the family when the death occurred and Mr. Walter B. Moore, of Greenville, S. C., also came in response to a telegram, announcing the serious illness.

All members of the family were with Mr. Moore when he passed away except Mr. W. B. Moore, of Greenville, S. C., who could not reach the saddened household until yesterday. Mr. Moore is vice president and general manager of the Mills Mfg. Co., of Greenville, and treasurer and general manager of the Abbeville Cotton Mills, two of the largest enterprises of their kind in the Piedmont section of South Carolina.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Announcement by Wilmington Pastors For Services Tomorrow.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, corner Fourth and Campbell streets, Rev. Alex. D. McClure, D. D., pastor. Sunday services 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday School at 3:30 P. M. W. C. E. Society at 7:00 P. M. Prayer meeting and lecture Wednesday at 8 P. M. The public cordially invited.

First Baptist church, Fifth and Market streets, Rev. J. H. Foster, D. D., pastor; Preaching tomorrow at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday School 3:30 P. M. Prayer meeting Wednesday 8 P. M. B. Y. P. U. Friday 8 P. M. Seats free; public cordially invited.

Salvation Army—Hall over the office of the Tidewater Power Company—Sunday School at 11 A. M.; Salvation service at 8 P. M. All are welcome. Ensign and Mrs. Williams, officers in charge.

Immanuel Presbyterian Church—Preaching at 11 A. M. and 7:45 P. M. by the pastor, Rev. J. S. Crowley. Sunday School at 3 P. M.

First Presbyterian church, corner of Third and Orange streets. Services Sunday at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Sunday school at 4 P. M. In the absence of the pastor, Rev. J. M. Plowden, will preach in the morning and Rev. C. G. Vardell, D. D., president of the Southern Presbyterian College at Red Springs will preach at night.

Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., expects to preach in East Wilmington tomorrow afternoon at 3:45 o'clock.

Given Seven Hours to Leave.

Upon condition that he leave the city by 6 o'clock last evening, Recorder Furlong yesterday morning suspended judgment in the case against Joseph Blalock, a white man, charged with vagrancy. The defendant made no statement except that he was unable to work and had no money and had sought to secure enough from charitably inclined persons to pay his way to his destination. J. P. Wallace, a white man, charged with drunkenness, failed to appear and a capias was issued for him. Cases against Assistant Chief of Police C. S. Burnett and Justice J. H. Sykes, charged with an affray, were continued until Monday, owing to the absence of Mr. Sykes.

Mr. Robbins is Promoted.

The many friends of Mr. J. Davies Robbins will be interested and pleased to learn that he has recently been promoted in his work with the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co., with which he has been connected for a number of years. He goes from the Almont factory to the Navassa as assistant superintendent. Mr. Robbins has already assumed his new position.

SPOKE TO SCHOOL CHILDREN.

Secretaries Robinson and Johnson Delivered Addresses.

Secretary C. C. Robinson, head of the Boys' Department of the Y. M. C. A. in the South, and Secretary Johnson, of this department and the student work in the Carolinas, here for the Boys' Conference which began with the meeting last night at the Y. M. C. A., were present at the morning exercises at Union and Hemenway schools yesterday and addressed the pupils on this feature of the work in the Association.

At Union school there were some 450 students present, including 100 from the High school. Mr. Robinson addressed the boys on the foes they have to meet and was given marked attention. His second talk at Hemenway on making the most of our lives, was replete with illustrations and particularly interesting and proved of value to those who heard him. Mr. Johnson followed Mr. Robinson and made two addresses at Union and Hemenway, in both of which he impressed upon the students the value of higher education and the work being carried on by him through the College Associations. These talks at the schools are a part of the work of the boys' department of the Y. M. C. A. and always prove a feature in getting the students to take an interest in Association work.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. Robinson addressed a gathering of all the public school teachers in the city and was most cordially received by them.

"FROM PIG PEN TO PALACE."

Subject of Rev. J. T. Brown's Sermon Last Night.

Rev. J. T. Brown preached an especially strong and interesting sermon at the Christian Church last night on the subject, "From a Pig Pen to a Palace." giving a review of the prodigal son. In speaking of the large number of young men who leave home and go out into the world, Mr. Brown said that it was very often the fault of the home. The parents do not think that their children need pleasure and do not allow them any liberties at all. His entire discourse was full of valuable suggestions to parents. There were three accessions to the church, making seven since the meeting began. Tonight Mr. Brown will deliver an illustrated lecture on "Japan," and he says that this will be the best lecture he has yet given here. Some 50 or 60 stereopticon views will be shown. Mr. Brown spent considerable time in that country and made an extensive study of the conditions there. He says that in many respects Japan is a most interesting country. The public is cordially invited to hear him. A silver offering will be taken. Mr. Brown will fill the pulpit tomorrow morning and evening.

MISS IDA J. WILLIAMS DEAD.

Southport Lady Passed Away in This City Yesterday.

Many friends in this city and at Southport learned with deep regret of the death of Miss Ida J. Williams, of Southport, which occurred at the home of Capt. J. S. Sellers, 519 South Front street, at 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Miss Williams had been here for the last four months under treatment of a physician, but her condition was not regarded as serious until Thursday, when she was forced to take her bed. Her brother, Mr. F. S. Williams, of Southport, was apprised of her condition and came here yesterday morning and was with her when the end came. Her death came as a distinct shock to her loved ones and friends. Miss Williams was 43 years old and was a daughter of Mr. Thos. M. Williams, of Southport. She is survived by her father, two sisters, Mrs. G. C. Grimes and Miss Mary J. Williams, and one brother, Mrs. F. S. Williams, all of Southport. The remains will be taken to Southport this morning on the steamer Wilmington and the funeral will be held from the late residence at 3 o'clock this afternoon, conducted by the pastor of the Methodist church there, of which she was a consistent member for 25 years or more. The interment will be in the cemetery there.

NEW SUPERINTENDENT.

Mr. Herman Schlieve Will Take Charge of Seamen's Home.

At a recent meeting of the executive committee of the Seamen's Home Mr. Herman Schlieve, who for a number of years has been well known at this port, was chosen to take charge of the home succeeding the present superintendent, Mr. Neilson, who leaves the first of January.

The home in past years has has proved a splendid retreat for seamen and is frequently visited by them while in port. Under the new management it is expected that there will be several changes that will make it especially attractive to visiting seamen. Mr. Schlieve speaks a number of different languages, has been a seaman practically all his life, and will be especially suited in this position. Mr. Neilson for the past two weeks has been quite ill, with pneumonia but it is understood his condition is improving.

FOUR FIRES YESTERDAY.

Department Called Out Four Times Within Three Hours.

The Fire Department was called out four times yesterday afternoon within three hours. The aggregate fire loss did not exceed $175, however. The first alarm was at 2:15 o'clock, from box 24, calling the firemen to the A. C. L. shops, one corner of the roof being ablaze, caused form a spark from a stack. The damage is estimated at $50. Two minutes after the first alarm the firemen were called to 408 Church street, house owned and occupied by Mr. R. H. Brady. The fire was caused by a spark from a chimney; damage $15. At 4 o'clock an alarm was turned in from box 61 on account of a blaze at the house owned and occupied by Maggie Clayton, colored, 714 Orange street. The blaze was caused by the careless handling of fire in the yard by some children. The damage is estimated at $100. At 5:10 the firemen were summoned by telephone to 820 North Fifth street, house owned and occupied by Mr. W. R. Smith. The fire which was caused from a defective flue, did an estimated damage of $5.

C. H. Fore & Co., are offering some great bargains in down and wool silk, and satteen lined quilts. **

The Theatre

Tonight Wilmington playgoers will get an opportunity of witnessing one of the greatest dramatic achievements of the past decade, in "The Climax," and a tremendous audience should greet the brilliant performance. Seats went on sale yesterday.

The Charlotte Observer yesterday went into ecstacies over "The Climax" and in large headlines declared: "'The Climax' Commanding—It is a Wonderful production." The following is just part of The Observer's strong endorsement:

"Entirely unique in its theme and treatment of humor and pathos and comedy and tragedy "The Climax" takes rank with any play that has been seen in this city this season and dispells all previous wonderment as to its cause for creating such a round of favorable criticism where it has been appearing. The management has picked up a stellar actress in the person of Miss Pauline Perry who sends a quiver through her spectators at every glance she gives, at every word she speaks. If she has belonged in the past to the countless throng of young actresses who have not yet risen beyond the filmy surface of prominence, she has come into possession of the honor eternally sought by her profession and that is the power to make a uniform impression by portraying faultlessly a beautiful character in a powerful play.

"It requires more resistance than is possessed by the merely sentimental element in an audience to withstand the emotional acting of this youthful star. And it requires absolute heartlessness to be able to sit under the charms of "The Climax" and fail to suffer a stirring of the feelings that are enthroned in the soul of a man or woman.

"What gives the play its power? It must be its simplicity, its perfect naturalness, for if it seems to deal with unreal situations there is a human touch about it every whither. Nothing extraneous is connected with it. The staging is of the simplest sort, there are but four persons in the production, nothing elaborate but everything beautifully dove-tailed and everything ponderous with emotion. It is melody ,and it is emotion equally distributed."

Big and Brilliant Performance.

The big New York musical comedy success, "The Red Mill," presented by a big New York company and with a brilliant stage setting, will be at the Academy Monday night and seats will go on sale at the Crystal Palace this morning.

Tuesday's Raleigh News and Observer gave the attraction glorious praise, and from Thursday's Greensboro News is taken the following:

"The largest audience of the season greeted Martin & Emery's musical comedy, 'The Red Mill,' at the Grand last night and if the applause can be taken as an indication, it was the most satisfied of the season.

"The scenery was splendid and well handled, the music catchy and tuneful, of that sort that makes the lip pucker and the whistler happy and altogether the play is a fine production.

"Bert O. Swor and Franker Woods, who took the part of two Americans doing Europe, kept the house in an uproar during the entire evening and it is due mostly to their clever work that the production has made such a hit wherever it has appeared.

Adelaide Thurston.

A theatrical event of importance is the announcement of Miss Adelaide Thurston in "Contrary Mary," a new play from the pen of Miss Edith Ellis who has been responsible for many successes of the past few years. Miss Thurston is, without a quetion of a doubt, one of the most popular of players. Her rare beauty, her petite form and her charming personality are all thoroughly well known. Her gifts as an actress have placed her in the estimation of the public on a high plane of esteem. Her name is associated with an earnest endeavor to present plays of clean moral tone easily suited to the taste and entertainment of the better class of theatre-goers and presented with scrupulous regard to the selection of her supporting cast. The production is a sumptuous one. The date of the engagement is next Tuesday night.

At the Crystal Palace.

The present big bill at the Crystal palace will be brought to a close today and, no doubt, large audiences will witness the finale of what has been one of the most delightful, if not one of the most elaborate, offerings ever made at the Palace.

Last night two tickets to "The Climax" were given away and now interest centers in the contest for the $15 doll, which is on display at the popular vaudeville house. All who attended the performances this week and who attend any of the performances next week will have an opportunity of becoming the owner of the big doll.

NEW PASTOR ARRIVES.

Rev. and Mrs. E. R. Welch Given Most Cordial Welcome.

Rev. E. R. Welch, the new pastor of Trinity Methodist Church arrived last night at 8 o'clock with his wife and child and went immediately to the parsonage, where there had already gathered a large number of the members of the congregation to extend to the new pastor and his wife a most cordial welcome. Supper had been prepared by ladies of the congregation and after the appetizing meal, all gathered in the parlor where a most pleasant two hours was spent. To a friend Mr. Welch stated that it was the most cordial welcome he had received in ten years. Several of those who greeted the new pastor and family last night carried packages for the larder. Mr. Welch comes to Wilmington from Holly Springs circuit, where he served last year and will formally begin his pastorate of Trinity church Sunday morning.

A most suitable Christmas present, a pair of gold spectacles or eye glasses, fitted by Dr. Vineberg, at Kingsbury's drug store, Masonic Temple. Come in and see our holiday stock. Eyes examined free. de 9-4t.

SPECIAL DISPLAY

Watches
Diamonds
Pearl Jewelry

Dec. 8th Dec. 9th

Selections reserved for later delivery.

"Ours is a new stock."

HONNET

Conservative Progress.

THERE is nothing that is so much appreciated as a book; therefore, why not give a book for Xmas?

C. W. YATES & CO.

Market Street.

LOCAL DOTS.

—The regular monthly meeting of the New Hanover County Colored Teachers' Association, will be held at the Court House today, beginning at 10:30 A. M.

—A deed was filed for record yesterday conveying from G. C. Simmons and wife to John W. Humphrey, for $2,250, lot on southeast corner of Eighth and Wooster streets, 66x123 feet in size.

—Mr. Carl Cook won the two tickets to "The Climax" in the contest at the Crystal Palace which closed last night. A magnificent doll will be given away at the performance this evening.

—The Star has with the compliments of S. L. Smith & Son a very handsome calendar for the New Year. The firm is one of the largest of its kind in the State and, of course, its calendars are right up-to-date.

—There will be no matinee of "The Climax" this afternoon at the Academy. All the billing reads for a special matinee, but such was a mistake, as the company is not able to bear the strain of two performances today.

—Miss Mary E. Dougied, of this city, is now making valuable improvements in her property both here and in Portsmouth, Va. Some $20,000, it is said, will be expended in Portsmouth with other improvements to follow.

—A civil action entitled Randolph Davis against Herbert Croom, set for trial before Justice Bornemann at 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning, was continued until Monday at the request of E. L. Larkins, Esq., of Burgaw, who has been retained as counsel for the defendant.

—A deputy sheriff will leave this afternoon for Lumberton having in his custody Virginia or Jane West, colored, who was sent to the State Hospital at Goldsboro from Robeson county, but has been out on probation for some time. She was found here in a bad mental condition and without relatives or friends.

—Upon petition of the Atlantic Blow Pipe Co., Judge Oliver H. Allen yesterday signed an order directing Messrs. A. J. Johnson and T. J. Pratt, receivers of the Clear Run Lumber Co., to pay to the petitioners $525, which is alleged to be due for materials furnished, with interest from August 14th, 1908.

—Already the holiday rush with the railroads has begun. All trains reaching Wilmington now are late and this will continue until the first of the year. Passenger officials say that the holiday travel this year promises to be heavier than for several years. This is no doubt due to the lower rates and the general prosperous condition of the country.

—An order issued some time ago restraining E. M. Moore, of Pender county, from cutting certain timber, was to have been argued before Judge Allen yesterday, but the matter was continued until the next term of Pender court. The petitioners, M. I. and J. H .Cowan, are represented by E. L. Larkins, Esq., of Burgaw, and H. I. Stevens, Esq., of Warsaw, appears for Mr. Moore.

Funeral of Infant.

The funeral of the two-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wallace, whose death occurred Thursday morning, was held from the family residence, No. 34, Delgado, yesterday afternoon, conducted by Rev. W. L. Rexford, pastor of Bladen Street Methodist Church. The interment was in Bellevue cemetery. Many friends sympathize with the bereaved parents.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—E. L. Larkins, Esq., of Burgaw, was here yesterday on legal business.

—H. L. Stevens, Esq., of Warsaw, spent yesterday in the city on professional business.

—Among the guests at The Orton yesterday were: W. D. McLean, Raleigh; H. W. Ambrose, Conway, S. C.; J. E. Johnson, Charlotte; C. C. Robinson, Charlotte.

—Alderman W. E. Yopp returned yesterday from Washington, D. C., where he attended the sessions of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress. Alderman Fred Bonitz, who accompanied Mr. Yopp, will remain in Washington for several days yet.

CAPT. L. LEON ADJUTANT.

Will Fill Vacancy Caused by Death of Late Capt. R. W. Price.

At a meeting of Cape Fear Camp, United Confederate Veterans, at the W. L. I. armory last night, Gen. James I. Metts, presiding, Capt. L. Leon was elected adjutant to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Capt. R. W. Price. A resolution was adopted providing for the purchase of 25 or more uniforms for the use of the members of the camp on special occasions. The uniforms will be ordered at once. The appointment of a committee to arrange for the celebration of the Lee birthday anniversary was left to Gen. Metts, who will announce the committee within a few days.

CUTTER BACK IN PORT.

Returns From Cruise Along Carolina Coast This Week.

After a five days' cruise during which she visited Charleston, S. C., the extreme southern point of her district, the revenue cutter Seminole arrived in port yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

This was the second of her regular Winter cruises, and the first over this portion of the cruising grounds with Capt. Crisp commanding. The cutter first went to Winyah Bay, then to Charleston, where she remained over night and afterwards made a straight trip home. Splendid weather was experienced.

Can't Be Separated

Some Wilmington People Have Learned How to Get Rid of Both.

Backache and kidney ache are twin brothers.

You can't separate them.

And you can't get rid of the backache until you cure the kidney ache.

If the kidneys are well and strong, the rest of the system is pretty sure to be in vigorous health.

Doan's Kidney Pills make strong health kidneys.

B. R. King, police sergeant, 808 Wooster St., Wilmington, N. C., says: "I know Doan's Kidney Pills are a valuable remedy. I used them and they proved of great benefit in relieving the pain in my back and soreness over my kidneys. This remedy stopped these troubles after plasters and liniments had failed. I procured Doan's Kidney Pills at Robert R. Bellamy's drug store and gladly give them my recommendation."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Mulburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Brief Mention, News of Societies, Meetings, Etc.

Friends in Wilmington have received the following invitation from Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Fore, of Charlotte, for an elaborate reception to be given by them in honor of the debut of their daughter, who has many admirers here:

Mr. and Mrs. James Albert Fore
request the pleasure of your company
on the evening of
Friday, the seventeenth of December
from nine until eleven o'clock
at seven hundred and seven
North College street
Miss Cornie Fore.

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At the regular meeting of St. Paul's Luther League last night it was decided to hold the annual banquet of the organization on January 7th in the Memorial Building. This event is always looked forward to with much pleasure by the members of the league. Rev. W. A. Snyder, pastor of the church and president of the league, presided and there was a fair attendance of members. Two interesting papers were read, one by Mr. William Cronenberg on "Pressing to the Mark", and the other by Miss Gesine Mohr, on "Heavenly Citizenship." Both showed much care and thought in preparation and were heard with interest.

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Prettily engraved invitations have been received by friends in North Carolina bearing the following interesting announcement:

Mrs. Henry Clay Zachary
invites you to be present
at the marriage of her daughter
Mary Onie
to
Mr. Alexander Kinchen Powers
on Tuesday evening, December the
twenty-first at nine o'clock
at Trinity Methodist Church
Tallahassee, Florida.

Enclosed with the invitations are cards reading as follows: "Will be at home after January the first, Wallace, North Carolina."

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Handsomely engraved announcement cards were received by friends yesterday, reading as follows:

Mr. Isadore Bear
announces the marriage of his sister
Viola
to
Mr. Sigmond Wallace
on Thursday, the ninth of December
one thousand nine hundred and nine
Wilmington, North Carolina.

Enclosed were cards reading as follows: "At home after January the tenth, 345 Walnut street, Statesville, North Carolina."

HAYES GIVEN FIVE YEARS.

Cleveland Business Man Convicted of Embezzlement Yesterday.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 10.—Harry E. Hayes, junior member of the brokerage and banking firm of W. E. Hayes & Son, was sentenced to the penitentiary for a term of five years. This following immediately his conviction by a jury in common pleas court of the offense of embezzling $198,000 in Cincinnati, Bluffton and Chicago railroad bonds.

Hayes spent an hour in jail, Judge Willis Kickery refusing to fix bail until an order in stay of execution had been granted by the Circuit court. Hayes was released on $22,000 bond furnished by M. A. Bradley, millionaire vessel owner. An appeal bond has already been filed in the higher court.

W. J. Hayes, the convicted man's father, is under indictment for the same offense and will be placed on trial at once.

CALLED TO ROANOKE.

Rev. Harris Mallinckrodt, Popular Charlotte Rector, May Go.

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 10.—Much concern is felt among the Episcopalians of this city over the recent call, which Rev. Harris Mallinckrodt, rector of St. Peter's Episcopal church, has received to Roanoke, Va. It is understood that Mr. Mallinckrodt, who is one of the most popular and admired divines in the city, has not yet made up his mind regarding the call. It will be remembered by his host of friends here, how two years ago, when he was called to Knoxville, Tenn., that his congregation unanimously protested against his acceptance of the call then tendered him, and finally succeeded in holding him at St. Peter's.

C. C. & O. TO SPARTANBURG

First Freight Train Arrived There Yesterday Morning.

Spartanburg, S. C., Dec. 10.—The first freight train, a solid trainload of coal from Clinchfield fields in Virginia, arrived over the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio Railroad this afternoon. The coal was consigned to points between here and Augusta and was sent on over to Charleston & Western Carolina road, whose tracks the C., C. & O. will use for the present at least. The roadbed all along this line was reported being in the best of condition.

The first passenger train will arrive at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. A regular schedule will be maintained from this time on.

STATUE OF CALHOUN.

Was Swung in the Statuary Hall of Capitol Yesterday.

Washington, Dec. 10.—With his hand on the Federal Constitution they are piping a general way the principles of constitution, State's rights and Union, John C. Calhoun, the Southern statesman of the ante-bellum days of the republic, was swung into line in the statuary hall of the Captol today.

His statue which rests upon a pedestal of South Carolina granite, has just come from Italy and probably will be dedicated in January. Governor Ansel, of South Carolina, and the sculptor, F. W. Ruckstuhl, were among the crowd in the hall that watched the workmen who placed the statue.

Big assortment toys, fancy goods, fancy Christmas handkerchiefs and waist sets in boxes at Rehder's. **

POLITICS IN LONDON

British Prime Minister Addresses Monster Meeting—An Appeal.

London, Dec. 10—At a monster meeting tonight in Albert Hall, Herbert Henry Asquith, the British prime minister, laid down the policy on which the liberal government is appealing to the country. He repeated what had been said by other ministers—that if it were returned to power the government would demand the limitation of the power of the House and Lords and then went a step farther and pledged that the Liberal Party would grant self-government tc Ireland

The meeting was marked by the great enthusiasm of an audience which filled the vast hall and which was composed entirely of men, women having been denied admission in the fear that there might be counter demonstrations by suffragettes Every corner of the hall had been searched during the day for women and a small band of them were routed out but they managed to get two male supporters into the meeting who interrupted Mr. Asquith momentarily with cries of "votes for women." Then they were promptly ejected.

Mr. Asquith pled out that just four years ago Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, then prime minister, had outlined in Albert Hall the policy of a new liberal government which included many reforms. The representatives of the people in the House of Commons had labored faithfully in carrying into law the measures prompted, but their will had been nullified, and, as a fitting climax for supplies which the House of Commons had voted had been stepped upon by the House of Lords.

Referring to the education and licensing bills the premier said that the government stood, in the main upon the principals of the bill which the House of Lords rejected. The franchise law, he added, was still encumbered with artificial distinction and impediment for which there was no justification. Upon the topic of woman suffrage Mr. Asquith said his views were well known. He had no reason to alter them despite the suicidal excesses of a small section of the advocates for such a change.

After referring to the action of the House of Lords in regard to the matter of Welch religious quality and the fate of certain Scottish land bills Mr. Asquith turned his attention to Ireland which, he said, had been fortunate for once because the measures sent up in her behalf did not come violently.

"Speaking last year before my accession to the premiership," Mr. Asquith continued, "I described the Irish policy as the one undeniable failure of British statesmanship. I repeat tonight that what I said then and on behalf of my colleagues and I believe, on behalf of my party, I reiterate that this is a problem to be solved only in one way—by a policy which, while explicitly safeguarding the supreme, indivisible authority of the imperial Parliament, can set up in Ireland a system of full self government as regards purely Irish affairs. There is not and cannot be any question of separation."

ZELAYA MAKES STATEMENT.

Declares He Has Been Unjustly Condemned by United States.

Managua, Dec. 10.—"The United States unjustly condemns my administration," said President Zelaya in an interview with a staff cofrespondent of the Associated Press today. "I proposed to Secretary of State Knox that he submit the case to the investigation of a committee of his own choosing, agreeing to surrender any rights to the Presidency if the charges in his letter to Isdoro Hezera, former Nicaraguan minister to the United States were sustained. Secretary Knox has not replied.

"Defenseless against the hostility of a powerful nation I must submit although I have been condemned unheard."

"The coercion of the United States will not redound to the credit of that nation, whose motives are questioned in all Latin America. The shooting of Cannon and Groce was a pretext. Both was amenable to the laws of Nicaragua, which distinctly authorities the shooting of individuals commanding rebels. t is different if a person is captured during the course of an international war."

He said: "While I am ready to surrebels. It is different if a person is President Zelaya, "I cannot do it precipitately as it would result in uprisings by several factions, each of which is eager to secure power.

"I am in negotiation with the revolutionists to secure their endorsement to a successor, who will be acceptable to all parties and have submitted the name of Jose Madriz, Judge of the Cartage court.

"I hope this will obviate the necessity for American intervention which would be intensely distasteful to the whole of Latin America. I am informed that it is the intention of the United States to prevent my leaving Nicaragua. I do not believe this to be true."

FIRE AT ANDERSON, S. C.

Destructive Blaze There Early Yesterday—Loss $25,000.

Anderson, S. C., Dec. 10.—Fire at midnight last night guttered the store of E. H. Acker, dealer in stoves, crockery, etc., and destroyed the stock valued at $10,000 and swept through the lofts of two stores occupied as a millinery shop and hardware concern owned by Mrs. J. C. Holleman and the late Burley Supply Co., respectively.

The total loss is about $25,000 which is $10,000 over the insurance, $5,000 of which falls on Aker. The origin of the fire is unknown.

WORK ON SOUTHBOUND.

Contractors Making Fine Progress Towards Wadesboro.

Winston-Salem, N. C., Dec 10.—The construction work on the new Southbound railroad from this city to Wadesboro, begun in September is progressing beyond all expectations. One firm reports that it has over half of its section finished and the contract does not call for its completion until next June.

This road is being built jointly by the Norfolk and Western and the Atlantic Coast Line, and they hope to have trains running over the new line, a distance of 90 miles, by January 1st, 1911.

C. H. Fore & Co., are showing a magnificent selection of furs at low prices. **

Fireworks and Toys wholesale, lowest prices at Rehder's **

MOTORING TO 'FRISCO.

Party From Saratoga Springs, N. Y. Spend Night in Charlotte.

(Charlotte Observer.)

Having eaten up with their fine 1910 model Stern motor car the hundreds of miles that lie between Charlotte and New York in a week, a party of three automobilists, accompanied by a skilled chauffeur, left yesterday morning for San Francisco, by way of Atlanta. They spent a night at the Buford hotel. Composing the party are Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hanson and son, Walter L. Hanson, and Henry Wilder. All are from Saratoga, N. Y. "We expect to spend part of the holidays in San Francisco at any rate," said a member of the party. The automobile is a six-cylinder, 80-horse power affair and ought to be able to cut its way across the far-stretching Western prairies and deserts in short order. It will take some flying, however, to accomplish the feat within the remaining days. The Atlanta-New York highway is being followed as far as Atlanta.

TELEPHONES ON SOUTHERN.

Will Use Modern System of Handling Trains.

Greensboro, Dec. 10.—Following the example of the Coast Line and other great railroad systems the Southern Railway is making arrangements to install a telephone dispatch service on its system between Monroe, Va., and Greensboro. The telegraph line between these points will be kept in repair and ready for use in the event the 'phone service should not prove satisfactory. Should the 'phone prove all right for dispatching trains and other business the Southern will then install the telephone service throughout its entire system.

DR. TWITTY DEAD.

Well Known Citizen of Rutherfordton Passes Away.

Rutherfordton, N. C., Dec. 10.—Dr. T. B. Twitty, one of Rutherfordton's best and most popular citizens and beloved physicians, died this morning at his residence on Washington street after several months' illness. He was a member of the drug firm of Dr. T. B. Twitty Drug Company of this city. Dr. Twitty is survived by a wife and a host of friends. He was a member of the Rutherfordton Presbyterian church. Dr. Twitty was about 70 years of age.

FAMOUS CHIEF IS DEAD.

Red Cloud, Leader of the Sioux Tribe, Died Out West.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Red Cloud, the famous old Sioux Idian chief, is dead. This information was received today by Supt. Brennon from the Pine Ridge Idian Agency which is in Washington attending the meeting of those interested in education of Indians. Red Cloud belonged to the old type Indian. He was 86 years old and for the past 25 years had lived at the Pine Ridge Agency.

RAILROAD LEGISLATION.

Bill by Cummins Introduced in Congress Yesterday.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Promising to surpass the legislative conflict over railroad rates four years ago, a controversy over railroad legislation will be precipitated this Winter in Congress.

The first gun was fired today by Senator Cummins, of Iowa, who introduced a bill proposing radical changes in the interstate commerce law.

WINSTON STREETS.

Now Has Four and Half Miles of Bitulithic.

Winston-Salem, N. C., Dec. 10—Figured on the basis of a 30-foot roadway, Winston-Salem now has four and one-half miles of bitulithic pavement. The contract price for this work is $2.15 per square yard, and figured on this basis nearly $170,000 has been spent by this city for this class of pavement and street work.

SMITH-WEBB CONTEST.

Referred to Elections Committee—Census Enumerators.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The Smith-Webb contest from the ninth North Carolina district was referred today to election committee No. 2, Jos. M. Miller, of Kansas, chairman.

The North Carolina census supervisors are here today to confer with Director Durand.

Arch King, a 17-year negro boy, was arrested in Lee county, Ala., last night, accused of attempt to assault two young white girls at Columbus, Ga., yesterday. He was brought back and positively identified by the girls as their assailant. As soon as his arrest became known excitement became intense and a mob soon formed. The sheriff slipped him out of town.

Four robbers held up a saloon full of men at Newark, N. J., last night, shot one man in the head, made a bold play for $7.00, got $115 of it and escaped, leaving no clue.

The court theatre and the board of trade building were consumed by fire at Wheeling, W. Va., last night. Other down-town property is in danger. It is estimated the loss will reach a half million dollars.

Millinery at a bargain at Rehder's. **

Midnight Doctors

are the most unwelcome visitors—even the Doctor himself curses the luck that compelled him to leave his comfortable bed. Suppose you try our method, and keep a big 35c. bottle of Perry Davis' Painkiller in the house, and let the Doctor stay in bed and enjoy himself.

EXECUTRIX NOTICE.

The undersigned having qualified as Executrix of the last Will and Testament of Thomas C. Lewis, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to his estate to make immediate payment, and all persons having claims against said estate must present them for payment on or before the 23rd day of November, 1910, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

This 23rd day of November, 1909.

MARY H. LEWIS,
Executrix of Thomas C. Lewis.
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THEIR JOBS IN DANGER.

Treasury Department Appointees Before Senate Committee.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Two incumbents of important positions in the Treasury Department were objected to in the Senate Committee on Finance today when their names came up for approval. They are James F. Curtis, of Massachusetts, who succeeded Mr. Reynolds, as an assistant secretary, and Royal E. Cabel, of Virginia, who succeeded Capt. John G. Capers as commissioner of internal revenue. Both nominations were submitted to a sub-committee for investigation. According to gossip, which has reached the ears of the Finance Committee, Commissioner Cabell has expressed himself rather forcibly against members of Congress who attempt to exert influence in the matter of making appointments to positions under the internal revenue bureau. Some of the Senators had hear that Mr. Cabell had asserted his independence of Congress. The opposition to Assistant Secretary Curtis was based upon the fact that he had been appointed without the Massachusetts Senators having been consulted.

TREES ARE CHEAPER.

Annual Sale of Christmas Greens for the Yuletide.

New York, Dec. 10.—Expecting to reap a rich harvest this season, the Christmas tree venders have begun to ship their stock to the metropolis. The first consignment, containing approximately 12,500 trees, reached the city this week from Winslow Mills, Me. The dealers state that a large supply is in sight and that as a consequence the cost of the Christmas trees this year will be cheaper than for many seasons.

The Christmas tree trade in New York continues to increase each year, despite the popular supposition that the old-fashioned ways of keeping the Christmas are dying out among the people. According to a reliable estimate nearly 1,000 carloads of young fir and hemlock pine trees are required to supply the Christmas trade in New York City. Formerly the Maine woods supplied nearly the whole of the crop, but in recent years Canada has been drawn upon largely to supply the demand.

John R. Early, the suspected "leper" left Washington last night in a special attached to a B. & O. train for New York, where he will be examined at the Rockefeller institute for medical research.

FEDERATION WITH STRIKERS.

Great Labor Union Will Support the Switchmen in Northwest.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 10.—The American Federation of Labor will support the railroad switchmen, who are on strike in the Northwest to the extent of its powers, according to an announcement made today by Samuel Gompers, president of the Federation, after an extended conference with Frank Hawley, president of the Switchmen's Union of North America.

This is said to mean that if the railroads do not concede the demands of the strikers, the trouble may spread until it involves other railroad unions connected with the American Federation of Labor.

Mr. Gompers refused to say whether there would be an extension of the strike, but he asserted that after a full investigation, he was satisfied that the demands of the strikers were reasonable and that they would receive the support of all affiliated unions.

Mr. Hawley was jubilant over the decision of Mr. Gompers. He ridiculed the published assertions of railroad officials that the strike was ended and exclaimed: "They cannot beat us now that the great Federation of Labor is behind us."

RACED TO THEIR DEATH.

Five of Crew From Gunboat Marietta Lose Their Lives.

Washington, Dec. 10.—So intent on winning a boat race with the crew of the ship's gig, were the five men in the whaleboat of the United States ship Marietta that they sailed with all their might to their death. That is the essence of the written report received today by the Department, on the disappearance of five men of the Marietta while off Port Limon, on the afternoon of November 26th.

The report says that the two boat crews requested permission to sail a race around Grape Bay. The boats disappeared around the point, both crews fighting for victory. That was the last seen of them that day. When they did not return, search was made. The gig's crew was found finally along the coast. Nothing has been heard from the whaleboat and the report says in part that the crew probably kept the little boat out to sea, fearing the breakers. The next day a gale blew up and the opinion is expressed that the men went to the bottom of the Caribbean.

Naval vessels are still searching for the men, it is said at the Department.

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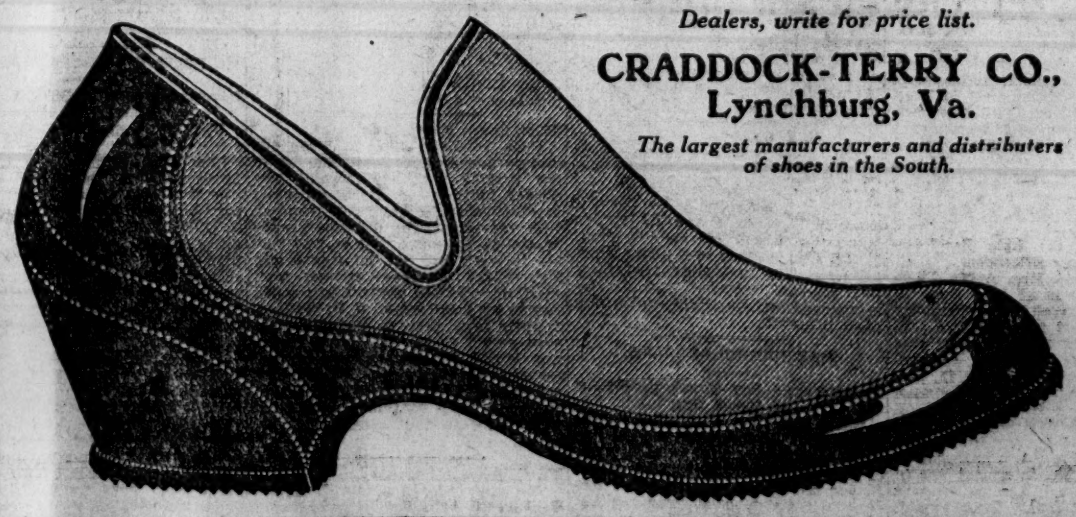

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MARKET QUOTATIONS

¶ The Latest Reports From the Important Trading Centers and From Local Dealers.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 10.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market steady 54 1-4 cents.

ROSIN—Market steady $3.50 per barrel.

TAR—Market, firm $1.90 per barrel.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Firm, $2.50 per barrel for hard; $4.00 for dip and $4.00 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—spirits turpentine, nothing doing; rosin steady $2.30; tar firm $1.50; crude turpentine firm $1.50; $2.00 and $2.75.

Spirits turpentine	15
Rosin	20
Tar	30
Crude turpentine	40

Receipts, same day last year 42 casks spirits turpentine; 78 barrels rosin; 53 barrels tar; 33 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Middling quiet 14 1-2 cents.

Same day last year—Quiet, 8 7-8 cents.

Receipts—970 bales, same day last year 1,735 bales.

PRODUCE MARKET.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith Dec. 4th.)

PEANUTS—North Carolina prime 65@70; extra prime, 72 1-2; fancy 75@80c; Virginia, prime 65@70; extra prime 75@80s; Spanish $1.00@$1.05.

CORN—Firm 90@95c per bushel for mixed.

N. C. HAMS—Good demand; hams 18c; shoulders 14@15; sides 14@15c.

EGGS—Good demand 27c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Spring 20@30; grown 35@40c; scarce.

BEESWAX—Firm at 28c.

TALLOW—Firm at 4 1-2c per pound.

BEEF CATTLE—Good demand at 2@3 1-2c per pound on foot.

HIDES—Dry, flint 14c; green 9c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Dull 40@45c per bushel for new yams.

WOOL—Burr 18c.; free of burr 24c.

CHEESE—50@55 per head.

PORK—Small 10c per pound; large 9c.

SHEEP—Old no demand; Lambs, dull $1.25@2.50.

TURKEYS—Good demand 15@16c on foot; dressed 18@22c.

THE COTTON MARKET.

New York, Dec. 10.—It was the most sensationally excited day of the season in the cotton market with business on a tremendously active scale following the publication of the government's crop estimate prices scored big advances, with all deliveries making new high records for the season. The trade had been looking for government estimate of about 10,300,000 bales on the average and when the official figures—only 10,088,000 bales—were published May contracts sold up to 15.80 or half a cent from the low level of the morning, 42 points above the closing figures of last night and 107 points or 5.35 per bale above the low level of last week. Reactions occurred later but the market closed firm and excited at a net advance of 6 to 37 points; generally 20 to 37 points higher on current crop deliveries. The market had opened steady at an advance of 10 points to a decline of 3 points and ruled irregular during the earlier trading. None of the larger bulls seemed to be reducing their lines but there was quite a good deal of scattering liquidation. Cables had made a fairly steady showing, however, and there was little or no disposition to take the short side on the eve of such an important report so that the market made a generally steady showing and after selling off to a net loss of 5 to 8 points on the spring and summer months rallied to about or a little over the closing figures of last night before the government's estimate was published. This was followed by a general buying movement and while realizing was extremely heavy with reactions during the late session the market gave evidence of very bullish construction placed on the government figures. The government estimate of 10,088,000 bales is intended to represent the growth of the season exclusive of linters, expressed in bales of 500 pounds gross. It is usually expected that the estimate will be under the commercial crop which includes the linters and other items in receipts from the beginning to the end of the season. Liverpool, which had re-opened after the regular close in order to trade on the report made a quick response of about 20 American points.

Receipts at the port today were 33,981 bales against 26,030 last week and 73,387 last year. For the week 190,000 bales against 214,020 last week, and 412,807 last year. Today's receipts at New Orleans were 2,469 bales against 11,970 last year and at Houston 6,517 bales against 16,164 last year.

Cotton: Spot quiet; middling uplands 14.95; middling gulf 15.20.

Futures opened steady and closed firm and excited.

Month.	Open.	Close.
December	14.72	14.88
January	14.85	15.00
February	15.05	15.15
March	15.19	15.38
April	———	15.45
May	15.40	15.67
June	———	15.55
July	15.39	15.72
August	14.97	15.33
September	———	13.78
October	13.15	13.20

COMPARATIVE COTTON STATEMENT.

New York, Dec. 10.—For the week ending Friday, December 10th:

Net receipts at all U. S. ports during week 190,656.

Net receipts at all U. S. ports same week last year 428,786.

Total receipts since September 1st 4,465,950.

Total receipts to same date last year 5,313,803.

Exports for the week 180,021.

Exports for same week last year 386,972.

Total exports since September 1st 3,265,617.

Total exports same date last year 3,685,004.

Stock at all United States ports 763,463.

Stock at all United States ports same time last year 1,022,172.

Stock at all interior towns 749,646.

Stock at all interior towns same time last year 829,346.

Stock at Liverpool 1,000,000.

Stock at Liverpool same time last year 636,000.

Stock of American afloat for Great Britain same time last year 54,000.

COTTON RECEIPTS

New York, Dec. 10.—The following are the total net receipts of cotton at al ports since September 1st:

Galveston	1,559,332
New Orleans	595,504
Mobile	147,605
Savannah	1,028,080
Charleston	169,606
Wilmington	245,473
Norfolk	323,854
Baltimore	32,253
New York	2,818
Boston	4,289
Newport News	4,746
Philadelphia	602
San Francisco	6,808
Brunswick	167,577
Port Townsend	9,424
Pensacola	79,290
Portland, Ore	2,000
Port Arthur & Sabine Pass	61,600
Jacksonville	23,942
Eagle Pass, Texas	410
El Paso, Texas	415
Laredo, Texas	980
Georgetown	614
Gulfport	7,981
Texas City	6,635
Minor Ports	3,962
Total	4,485,950

PORT MOVEMENT.

Galveston—Steady, 15; net receipts 14,619; stock 199,610.

New Orleans—Steady, 15; net receipts 2,469; stock 142,272.

Mobile—Irregular and unsettled, 14 7-8; net receipts 1,151; stock 46,241.

Savannah—Steady, 14 1-2; net receipts 4,459; stock 128,363.

Charleston—Steady, 14 1-2; net receipts 1,670; stock 42,115.

Wilmington—Quiet, 14 1-2; net receipts 970; stock 13,864.

Norfolk—Steady, 15; net receipts 2,677; stock 35,587.

Baltimore—Nominal, 14 7-8; net receipts 1,986; stock 17,406.

New York—Steady, 15.20; stock 128,611.

Boston—Steady, 15.20; net receipts 21.

Philadelphia—Firm, 15.45; stock 1,914.

Brunswick—Net receipt 1,970; stock 1,914.

Newport News—678.

Jacksonville—Net receipts 1,305.

Total today, at all ports, net receipts 33,981; Great Britain 22,858; France 985; Continent 855; stock 763,463.

Consolidated, at all ports, net receipts 190,656; Great Britain 81,590; France 45,039; Continent 59,784; Japan 208.

Total since September 1st, at all ports, net receipts 4,485,950; Great Britain 1,228,436; France 665,716; Continent 1,346,816; Japan 18,094; Mexico 8,775.

INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

Houston—Steady, 14 7-8; net receipts 6,517; stock 104,968.

Augusta—Steady, 14 7-8; net receipts 1,714; stock 65,235.

Memphis—Steady, 15 1-4; net receipts 2,699; stock 206,716.

St. Louis—Steady, 15 1-8; net receipts 273; stock 40,337.

Cincinnati—Net receipts 320; stock 8,079.

Little Rock—Quiet, 14 1-2; net receipts 375; stock 49,501.

Louisville—Firm, 15 1-8; net receipts 362; stock 400.

Total today—Net receipts 12,660; gross receipts 17,399; shipments 17,567; sales 2,619; stock 475,326.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Dec. 10.—Cotton: Spot in fair demand, prices 7 points lower. American middling fair 8.30; Good middling 8.03; middling 7.94; low middling 7.84; good ordinary 7.58; ordinary 7.33.

The sales of the day were 10,000 bales of which 2,000 were for speculation and export and included 8,600 American. Receipts 5,000 bales no American.

Futures opened easier and closed at 4 P. M. as follows: December 7.77; December and January 7.77; January and February 7.79; February and March 7.81 1-2; March and April 7.84 1-2; April and May 7.86; May and June 7.87 1-2; June and July 7.86 1-2; July and August 7.84 1-2; August and September 7.54; September and October 7.05; October and November 6.89; November and December 6.83.

On account of the publication of the Department of Agriculture estimate of the American cotton crop today the cotton exchange held an extra session from 6:45 to 8 P. M.

8 P. M. Close: Futures irregular. December 7.87; December and January 7.87; January and February 7.89; February and March 7.92; March and April 7.95; April and May 7.96 1-2; May and June 7.98 1-2; June and July 7.97; July and August 7.95; Augusta and September 7.62; September and October 7.13; October and November 6.96; November and December 6.90.

LICK BROS. & CO. COTTON LETTER.

New York, Dec. 10.—The government estimate placing the crop at 10,088,000 bales, exclusive of linters, and measured in bales of 500 pounds gross, fully confirmed the expectations of the bulls. It is quite likely that the figures will be corroborated by the ginning figures of the government which will be issued later in the season. It has been contended that on a crop of this size, cotton would sell close to 20 cents, but the activity of the market this afternoon reflected conservative action by the big bulls who undoubtedly sold a great deal of cotton to prevent an appearance of undue excitement. There was also heavy realizing by recent buyers, which kept the market from advancing beyond bonds. The situation is now plainly up to the spinners of the world who may or may not be induced to buy. Their action will be governed largely by the attitude of buyers of goods who may be stirred into activity by the bullish character of today's report.

DICK BROS. & CO.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 10.—The cotton goods markets grew very firm after the issuing of the government crop report showing a shortage of large proportions for the crop year. Prices are already high but had not reached the level of 10 cents cotton which now seems assured. Yarns were more active.

The local wool market has been more active during the week. General holiday trade continues good.

THE STOCK MARKET.

New York, Dec. 10.—The choppy and uneven movement of stocks today was partly traceable to the profit taking operations based on the considerable rise in prices for the week. There were some disquieting rumors which caused weakness in individual stocks and added to the irregularity of the market. The undertone of the market, however, still showed the beneficial effects of the interpretation placed on the President's message and the clearing of the money situation by the reduction of the Bank of England discount rate.

The disturbing rumors had to do mainly with Reading which was said to be involved in some contemplated action by the department of justice in connection with the commodities clause of the Hepburn law. The special strength showed by the Pennsylvania group was accompanied by rumors that the directing control of Norfolk and Western was to revert to the system through the medium of the Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis.

The statistics for November of the Copper Producers Association lacked stimulating influence.

A good deal of interest attached to the report that sales had been effected of the block of United States Steel stock which was taken by a syndicate of French bankers at the time the project for listing the stock on the Paris bourse was attempted. Today's report gives additional interest to recent rumors of re-payment of enormous loans to foreign lenders in which United States Steel figured as collateral.

The expected St. Paul financing appeared today in the announcement of the sale of 25,000,000 of General Mortgage 4s. Railroad and corporation financing will make increased demands on the money market for the rest of December and January.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales, par value were $4,278,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call. Total sales of stocks today were 854,700 shares.

THE FINANCIAL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 10.—Money on call firm 4 to 5 per cent., ruling rate 4 3-4, closing bid 4 3-4, offered at 4 3-4. Time loans dull and steady; sixty days 4 3-4 to 5 per cent., and ninety days 4 1-2 to 4 3-4; six months 4 1-2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 5 to 5 1-2 per cent.; sterling exchange firm with actual business in bankers bills at 4.8420 to 4.8430 for sixty day bills and at 4.8775 for demand. Commercial bills 4.83 to 4.84; bar silver 62; Mexican dollars 44.

N. Y. BONDS.

U. S. ref. 2s, registered	100 1-4
U. S. ref. 2s, coupon	100 1-4
U. S. 3s, registered	101 1-4
U. S. 3s, coupon	101 1-4
U. S. 4s, registered	114 1-2
U. S. 4s coupon	115 3-4
Allis Chalmers 1st 5s	84 7-8
American Agricultural 5s	101 7-8
American Tel. & Tel. cv 4s	105 3-8
American Tobacco 4s	78 1-4
American Tobacco 6s	106 3-4
Armour & Co. 4 1-2s	94 1-8
Atchison gen. 4s	100
Atchison cv 4s	121 1-2
Atchison cv. 5s	121 3-4
Atlantic Coast Line 1st 4s	94 3-4
Baltimore & Ohio 4s	90 1-2
Baltimore & Ohio 3 1-2s	93
Baltimore & Ohio S. W. 3 1-2s	89 3-4
Brooklyn Transit cv 4s	86 3-4
Central of Georgia 5s	107 7-8
Central Leather 5s	98 1-2
Central R. R. of N. J., gen 5s	124 1-2
Chesapeake & Ohio 4 1-2s	102 3-4
Chesapeake & Ohio ref 5s	103 5-8
Chicago & Alton 3 1-2s	74
Chicago, B. & Q. joint 4s	93 7-8
Chicago, B. & Q. gen. 4s	90 3-8
Chicago, Mil. & St. P. gen 3 1-2s	80 1-8
Chicago, R. I. & P. R. R. col. 4s	80 3-4
Chicago, R. I. & P. R. R. col. 5s	102 1-4
Chicago, R. I. & P. Ry. rfg 4s	91 1-4
Colorado Industrial 5s	84 1-2
Colorado Midland 4s	80 7-8
Col. & Southern ref. & ext. 4 1-2s	97 1-2
Delaware & Hudson cv 4s	102 1-4
Denver & Rio Grande 4s	96
Denver & Rio Grande ref. 5s	94
Distillers 5s	74
Erie prior lien 4s	86
Erie Gen. 4s	76
Erie cv. 4s series "A"	82
Erie cv. series "B"	73
General Electric cv 5s	148 1-4
Illinois Central 1st ref 4s	99
Interborough Met. 4 1-2s	84 1-8
Inter. Merc. Marine 4 1-2s	70 3-4
Japan 4s	88
Japan 4 1-2s	94 1-4
Kansas City Southern 1st 3s	73 5-8
Lake Shore deb. 4s (1931)	93 3-4
Louisville & Nash. Un. 4s	99 3-4
Missouri, Kan. & Texas 1st 4s	99 1-2
Mo., Kan. & Texas gen. 4 1-2s	91
Missouri Pacific 4s	84 1-4
National Rys. of Mexico 4 1-2s	94 1-8
New York Central gen. 3 1-2s	91 1-8
New York Central deb. 4s	95 3-4
N. Y., N. H. & Hartford cv. 6s	134 1-2
Norfolk & Western 1st con. 4s	98
Norfolk & Western cv. 4s	102 1-4
Northern Pacific 4s	102 3-4
Northern Pacific 3s	72 3-4
Oregon Short Line rfdg 4s	93 7-8
Penn. cv. 3 1-2s, (1915)	96 1-4
Penn. Con. 4s	104 3-8
Reading Gen. 4s	99 3-4
St. Louis & San Fran. fg 4s	85 3-8
St. Louis & San Fran. gen. 6s	89 1-8
St. Louis S'Western con. 4s	79
St. Louis S' western 1st gold 4s	93 1-2
Seaboard Air Line 4s	83 1-2
Southern Pacific col. 4s	90 1-2
Southern Pacific cv. 4s	103 1-8
Southern Pacific R. R. st ref 4s	94 3-4
Southern Railway 5s	111
Southern Railway gen. 4s	81 5-8
Union Pacific 4s	102 1-2
Union Pacific cv 4s	115 3-4
Union Pacific 1st and ref 4s	97 7-8
U. S. Rubber 6s	104
U. S. Steel 2nd 5s	105 3-8
Virginia Car. Chemical 5s	98 1-8
Wabash 1st 5s	111 3-4
Wabash 1st and ext. 4s	76 3-8
Western Md., 4s	84
Westinghouse Electric cv 5s	84
Wisconsin Central 4s	94 1-4

CLOSING STOCK LIST.

Allis Chalmers pfd	54
Amalgamated Copper	87
American Agricultural	43 3-8
American Beet Sugar	47 1-4
American Can pfd	84 3-8
Amer. Car & Foundry Ex. Div.	72
American Cotton Oil	68
American Hide & Leather pfd	43 3-4
American Ice Securities	27 1-2
American Linseed	15
American Locomotive	61 1-4
American Smelting & Ref'ng	100 1-8
Amer Smelt. & Ref'ng pfd Ex Div.	110 3-8
American Sugar Refining	123 3-4
American Tel. & Tel.	142 5-8
American Tobacco pfd Ex. Div.	96 3-4
American Woolen	36
Anaconda Mining Co.	68 3-4
Atchison	122
Atchison pfd	104 1-4
Atlantic Coast Line	135
Baltimore & Ohio	117 1-4
Baltimore & Ohio pfd	91
Bethlehem Steel	34 1-2
Brooklyn Rapid Transit Ex Div.	80 1-4
Canadian Pacific	180 1-2
Central Leather	46 3-4
Central Leather pfd Ex. Div	106 1-2
Central of New Jersey	312
Chesapeake & Ohio Ex Div	87
Chicago & Alton	67 1-2
Chicago Great Western	40 1-2
Chicago & Northwestern	176
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul	157
C., C. C. & St. Louis	76 1-4
Colorado Fuel & Iron	50 5-8
Colorado & Southern	56
Colorado & Southern 1st pfd	81 1-4
Colorado & Southern 2nd pfd	80 1-4
Consolidated Gas	151 3-4
Corn Products	22 3-4
Delaware & Hudson	180
Denver & Rio Grande	40 5-8
Denver & Rio Grande pfd	86
Distillers' Securities	36 1-4
Erie	34 1-4
Erie 1st pfd	50 3-4
Erie 2nd pfd	41 1-8
General Electric	160 1-4
Great Northern pfd	148
Great Northern Ore Ctfs	81 3-4
Illinois Central	146 1-2
Interborough Met.	24 7-8
Interborough Met pfd	62 1-4
Inter Harvester	109 1-4
Inter Marine pfd	24 3-8
International Paper	16 1-8
International Pump	51 1-4
Iowa Central	29
Kansas City Southern	43 3-4
Kansas City Southern pfd	70 1-2
Louisville & Nashville	152
Minneapolis & St. Louis	53 1-2
Minn., St. P. & Sault St. M.	139 3-4
Missouri Pacific	70 3-4
Missouri, Kansas & Texas	29 1-2
Missouri, Kansas & Texas pfd	74 1-4
National Biscuit	116 1-2
National Lead Ex. Div.	87 3-8
Nat'l Rys. of Mexico 1st pfd	58 3-4
N. Y. Central Ex. rts & Ex. Div.	123
New York, Ontario & Western	49
Norfolk & Western	100 5-8
North American	86 3-4
Northern Pacific	144 1-4
Pacific Mail	43
Pennsylvania	134
People's Gas	114 1-2
Pittsburg, C. C. & St. Louis	96 1-8
Pressed Steel Car	52 1-2
Pullman Palace Car	195
Railway Steel Spring	51 3-4
Reading	170 1-4
Republic Steel	46 5-8
Republic Steel pfd	106
Rock Island Co.	41
Rock Island Co. pfd	80
St. Louis & San. Frank 2nd pfd	30 3-4
St. Louis Southwestern	33 1-2
St. Louis Southwestern pfd	79 3-4
Sloss Sheffield Steel & Iron	87
Southern Pacific	131 1-4
Southern Railway	31 5-8
Southern Railway pfd	71 1-4
Tennessee Copper Ex. Div.	36
Texas & Pacific	35 3-4
Toledo, St. Louis & West	53
Toledo, St. Louis & West pfd	70
Union Pacific	202 1-8
Union Pacific pfd	102 1-4
United States Realty	82 3-4
United States Rubber	53
United States Steel Ex Div	90 3-8
United States Steel pfd	125
Utah Copper	60 3-4
Virginia Car. Chemical	48 1-2
Wabash	21 1-4
Wabash pfd	57 5-8
Western Maryland	46
Westinghouse Electric	83 3-4
Western Union	77 3-4
Wheeling & Lake Erie	8 3-4
Wisconsin Central	49
Standard Oil Co.	655

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

New York, Dec. 10.—Flour firmly held with a quiet trade. Spring patents 5.53 to 5.55; Winter patents 5.35 to 5.75.

Rye Flour—Firm.

Buckwheat Flour—Quiet.

Corn Meal, Rye and Barley—Steady.

Wheat—Firm, No. 2 red 1.26 nominal elevator; No. 2 red 1.25 1-2 nominal fob afloat. Options closed 1-4 to 5-8c higher. December 111 3-4; May 1.16; July 1.06 3-8.

Corn—Firm; No. 2, 71 1-2 elevator, domestic and 72 delivered nominal, old; No. 2, 67 fob afloat nominal. Options closed 3-8 to 5-8c higher. December 70; May 70 7-8.

Oats—Firm; mixed 45 to 46.

Lard, Pork and Molasses—Firm.

Tallow—Steady.

Rice—Quiet.

Sugar—Raw quiet; fair refining 3.81; refined dull.

Coffee—Quiet; Rio No. 7, 8 1-2 nominal; Santos No. 4, 8 3-4. Mild quiet; Cordova 9 to 11 1-2. Futures closed steady net unchanged to 5 points higher.

Butter—Strong; creamery specials 34 1-2 to 35; extras 33 1-2 to 34; third to first 27 to 32 1-2; state dairy common to finest 25 to 33.

Cheese—Firm.

Eggs—Firm; State, Pennsylvania and nearby hennery, white fancy 45 to 52; do gathered brown fair to prime 32 to 38.

Potatoes—Easy; Bermuda per barrel 5.00 to 5.50; Maine 1.70 to 2.00.

Cabbages—Firm.

Freights and Peanuts—Unchanged.

The cotton seed oil market was moderately active with sales of 10,300 barrels. Prices were steady closing unchanged to 4 points higher on the government crop estimate and the big advance in cotton by liquidation of long oil held the market down. January 7.07 to 7.09; March 7.19 to 7.20; May 7.28 to 7.29; July 7.34 to 7.35. Prime crude 6.13; do summer yellow 7.05 to 7.20; do yellow 7.20 to 7.60; do summer white 7.25 to 7.49.

CHICAGO CASH GRAIN.

Chicago, Dec. 10.—Cash wheat No. 2 red 1.23 to 1.24; No. 3 red 1.14 to 1.20; No. 2 hard 1.11 1-2 to 1.12 1-2; No. 3 hard 4.06 to 1.10; No. 1 northern 1.12 to 1.13; No. 2 northern 1.09 to 1.12; No. 3 spring 1.05 to 1.10 1-2.

Corn No. 2 yellow, (old) 54 1-2; No. 3, 58 3-4; No. 3 white 58 1-2 to 59; No. 2 yellow 58 1-2 to 59; No. 4, 54 54 3-4; No. 4 yellow 56 to 57 1-2.

Oats—No. 3 white 44 to 45; No. 4 white 43 3-4; standard 44 3-4 to 45.

THE GRAIN MARKET.

Chicago, Dec. 10.—Light receipts and a sharp bulge in coarse grain imparted a strong tone to the wheat market today, prices at the close showing net gains of 1-4 to 5-8 to 3-4. Corn and oats were extremely strong, the former closing 1 1-8 to 1 1-4 to 1 1-2 to 1 5-8c higher and the latter 3-8 to 1c higher compared with the final figures of the previous day. Provisions also closed strong.

	Opening.	Highest.	Closing.
Wheat—			
Dec.	1 10 3-8	1 10 1-2	1 10
May	1 08 1-4	1 09	1 09
July	98 3-8	99	99
Corn—			
Dec.	59	60 1-8	60
May	62 3-4	64 1-8	64
July	62 3-8	63 5-8	63 5-8
Oats—			
Dec.	42 1-4	43 1-4	43 1-8
May	44	44 3-8	44 3-8
July	41 3-8	42	42
Mess Pork, per bbl.			
Jan.	21 40	21 75	21 55
May	21 00	21 37 1-2	21 15
Lard, per 100 lbs.—			
Jan.	12 35	12 65	12 65
May	11 75	11 85	11 82 1-2
July	11 65	11 75	11 72 1-2
Short Ribs, per 100 lbs.			
Jan.	11 70	11 87 1-2	11 83
May	11 00	11 15	11 07 1-2

NAVAL STORES.

New York, Dec 10.—Rosin and turpentine firm.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 10.—Turpentine firm 54 3-4. Rosin firm. Quote: A, B, C, 3.80; D, 3.82 1-2; E, 3.85; F, 3.——1-2; G, 3.90; H, 4.10 to 4.15; I, 4.60; K, 5.60; M, 5.85; N, 6.10; WG, 6.25; WW, 6.75.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 10.—Turpentine firm 35 1-4; sales 290; receipts 774; shipments 986.

Rosin firm; sales 2,423; receipts 3,881; shipments 7,922; stocks 136,096. Quote: A, B, C, 3.80; D, 3.82 1-2; E, 3.85 to 3.87 1-2; F, 3.87 1-2 to 3.90; G, 3.90; H, 4.10; I, 4.60; K, 5.60; M, 5.85; N, 6.10; WG, 6.25; WW, 6.75.

MARINE

BRAIVED.

Schr. F. & T. Lupton, 797 tons, Longstreet, New York, C. D. Mafflt.

Tug Standard, towing barge No. 58, Standard Oil Company.

CLEARED.

Str. Duplin, Stokes, Smith's Bridge, J. A. Munn.

BY RIVER AND RAIL

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 10, 1909.

C. C. Railroad—212 bales cotton, 3 casks spirits turpentine, 24 barrels rosin, 15 barrels crude turpentine.

W. & W. Railroad—134 bales cotton, 2 barrels tar.

W., C. & A. Railroad—528 bales cotton, 10 barrels tar.

A. & Y. Railroad—81 bales cotton, 12 casks spirits turpentine, 27 barrels tar.

Str. Allce—2 barrels rosin, 2 barrels tar, 27 barrels crude turpentine.

Str. Duplin—3 barrels crude turpentine.

Schr. Issabell—15 bales cotton.

Total—970 bales cotton, 15 casks spirits turpentine, 26 barrels rosin, 50 barrels tar, 40 barrels crude turpentine.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels Now in Port at Wilmington, N. C.

Steamers.

West Point (Br.) Roche, 3,074 tons, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Monviso (It.) 2,522 tons, Revello, Heide & Co.

Manchester Exchange, 2,649 tons, Adamson, Heide & Co.

Schooners.

F. & T. Lupton, 797 tons, Longstreet, C. D. Mafflt.

Blanche (Br.) 165 tons, Albury, Springer Coal Company.

Mary A. Hall, 341 tons, Haskell, C. D. Mafflt (in distress.)

Wm. Thomas Moore, 261 tons, Griffith, C. D. Mafflt.

Helvetia, 424 tons Bernet, C. D. Mafflt.

Millie R. Bonhannan, 579 tons, Little, C. D. Mafflt.

Lelok, 297 tons, Smith, C. D. Mafflt.

FOR SALE

One of the best equipped Chesapeake Bay (Sandy Island, Fish Factories, thoroughly overhauled this year, modern machinery, ready for operation. Best location in Chesapeake Bay. Also two steamers, if desired.

ALEXANDER HOFFMAN (Owner)
Cape Charles, Va.

No.27-Dec-411-18.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY RATES VIA SEABOARD.

The Seaboard announces Low Round Trip Christmas and New Year Holiday Rates; tickets will be sold on basis of 80 per cent. of Double Local Fares, December 17th-18th-21st-22nd-23rd-24th-31st, 1909, and January 1st, 1910 with Final return limit January 6th.

For further information relative to rates and schedules apply to ticket offices or address the undersigned.

C. H. GATTIS,
District Passenger Agent,
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Many a serious sickness has been checked in time by the judicious use of

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As a healthful tonic for home use or a wholesome stimulant in case of accidents or sudden illness, it has no equal. No home should be without it. Its moderate use is highly beneficial to those who are ailing and it will increase the vigor of those who are well. Genuine SUNNY BROOK Pure Food Whiskey is U. S. Standard (100%) proof and every bottle bears the "Government Green Stamp" showing the correct age and measure.

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SHIPPED IN PLAIN BOXES. SEND REMITTANCE WITH YOUR ORDER.
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FURS! FURS!

This week we will show you a most superb line of Ladies' Furs in Mink, Isabella Fox, and others. Children's Fur Sets.

Ready-to-Wear Suit Department.

While not so extensive but most select to be seen here, consisting of English Worsteds, Broadcloth, Serges and Chefron.

Newest Creations in Capes, Ladies' Kid Gloves, Trefousse, Dorothy's, La Savoie Piques and Cravenette Walking Gloves.

A full line of Misses' Tampas Gloves.

A. D. BROWN
no 28 tf

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200,000 rived heart Shingles.
100,000 rived sap Shingles
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Walrus Rubber Roofing.

LIME, CEMENT AND PLASTER.
Gagers White Lime.
King's Windsor Wall Plaster.
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Red Brick, Fire Brick, Sewer Pipe, Chimney Pipe
COAL. WOOD.
Write, or call for prices.
W. B. THORPE & CO.
Phone 789. Office, Foot Ann St.
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Santa Claus
Has Arrived and Is Stopping at
GAYLORD'S
BIG DEPARTMENT STORE

and such things as he did not bring with him will come on this week's steamer. There will be beautiful Toys for the little children.

Splendid things for big children in rare and lustrous Furs, from $1.98 to $35.00

Also a large and magnificent assortment of Ladies Coat Suits from $5.98 to $35.00

Evening Capes, $1.75 to $10.00

One-piece Dresses of exquisite style and shape.
The season's Bargain in Ladies' Hats.

Monday's steamer will bring from New York 200 black silk velvet Hats of the newest shape and style. (I bought them while in New York last Wednesday at a great reduction.) These Hats are worth in any market $5.00 to $7.50. We shall sell them from $2.25 to..$3.50

No such hat value has everbefore been offered in this city.

We picked up many a bargain while in New York during the last ten days and they will all come by this week's steamer, in time for the holiday trade.

GEO. O. GAYLORD
210, 212, 214 N FRONT ST.

American Steel & Wire
ROYAL FIELD WIRE FENCING
The best on the market. Have now in stock, ready for delivery,
3,100 RODS
26 TO 48 INCHES HIGH
Both 6 and 12-inch stays. Can make satisfactory prices.
WM. E. SPRINGER & CO.
Sole Agents.
Purcell Building. Wilmington, N. C.
no 28 1m

FLOUR! FLOUR!

9,000 barels Fancy Patent Flour bought on lowest market, a portion of which has arrived and must be sold to make room for more which is now on the way.

Also have in stock 2,000 bags rice, all grades, and 100 barrels medium mullets, all of which will be sold under the present market quotations.

Purchasers will therefore, find it to their advantage to see me before placing their orders.

J. W. BROOKS,
Wholesale Grocer. Wilmington, N. C.

COLUMBUS BUGGIES

The $135. Kind. Top, Rubber Tires for one week $115.00 is the offer we are making to cash buyers.

CITY LIVERY COMPANY
Repository 112 North Second Street.
no 30 tf

THE WEATHER

U. S. Department of Agriculture Weather Bureau.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 11, 1909.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M. Friday, Dec. 11th:

Temperature at 8 A. M. 27 degrees; 8 P. M. 38 degrees; maximum 44 degrees; minimum 25 degrees; mean 34 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; for the month, .15 inch.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. Thursday 2.0 feet.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Fair, slightly warmer Saturday, Sunday rain and warmer, moderate north to east winds.

Port Calendar—Dec. 11.

Sun Rises.....7:08 A. M.
Sun Sets.....5:03 P. M.
Day's Length.....10 hrs. 7 min.
High water at Southport 6:20 P. M.
High water at Wilmington 9:50 P. M.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

A. C. L.—Holiday Rates.
Crystal Palace—Given Away.
Hopkins & Davis—Something Good.
J. H. Rehder & Co.—Christmas Gifts
Academy of Music—Adelaide Thurston.
C. W. Yates & Co.—There is Nothing.

Business Locals.

C. B. Bellois—Turkeys.
Coster the Cleanser—Found.
Young Woman's Auxiliary—Sale.

THE OUTLOOK FOR TRADE.

Indications Point to a Large Distribution of Merchandise.

New York, Dec. 10.—R. G. Dun & Co's. weekly Review of Trade tomorrow will say: The near advent of the holidays and the close of the year naturally curtails operations in most primary markets, though retail trade is correspondingly augmented and every indication points to a very large distribution of merchandise.

The difficulty experienced by the steel mills in making prompt deliveries is the cause for some abatement in the demand for finished products, while the lull in pig iron buying is becoming more pronounced, production rapidly overtaking consumptive requirements.

Cotton goods are steadier and larger purchases of gray goods have been made on contract. Jobbers are buying in a very limited way and are taking their semi-annual inventories. Advance business for Spring now being charged is better than advance orders taken in the past four jobbing sensons.

New business in boots and shoes is less in evidence, but the demand has shown a healthy improvement. Trade in leather continues, but the market remains in a very strong position.

CHILD KIDNAPPED.

Little Girl in Louisville Thought to Have Been Lured Away.

Louisville, Dec. 10.—Though story after story has been investigated thoroughly by the Louisville police, the whereabouts of Alma Kellnes, eight years old, who disappeared from her home on Wednesday, remains unknown tonight. Nothing was accomplished today in tracing the kidnappers.

F. L. Kellner, father of Alma, said he believed his daughter was looking at toys in shop windows when somebody lured her away. The child was returning home from church when she was kidnapped. The city has distributed 500 circulars offering an unspecified reward for the recovery of the child and the entire police forces of Louisville and of Southern Indiana towns are working on the case.

Frank Fehr, a millionaire brewer uncle, of the missing child, said that the girl's father was not able to pay a ransom for Alma.

DROUGHT CAUSES ALARM.

No Rain of Any Consequence for Six Months—Haul Water Many Miles.

Winchester, Va., Dec. 10—The drought which prevails in Northern Virginia, West Virginia and Maryland has become so serious as to occasion alarm. No rain of any consequence has fallen for six months. Streams are going dry which were never known to fail before while the drying up of the wells and cisterns necessitates the hauling of water in many instances for miles.

The wheat which was seeded the past Fall is making but little growth owing to the entire lack of moisture in the soil.

The power houses along the river courses are seriously handicapped. They are unable to furnish the motive force demanded and are compelled to shut down a part of each day to accumulate a sufficient head of water to drive the turbines.

Fred Launt, a professional baseball player, was fatally scalded when a steam pipe at the round house of the Ontario & Western at Norwich, N. Y., exploded yesterday. Launt was employed in the round house as a clerk.

EVEN CURES ULCERS.

Remarkable Results from Skin Remedy That Costs Almost Nothing.

No matter how bad a sore or ulcer afflicts you, it is said that Hokara the pure skin food, will cure it. In fact, if it doesn't cure, the purchase price will be refunded.

J. Hicks Bunting Drug Co., the local agents for Hokara, who have sold hundreds of packages the last few weeks, say they have yet to find any form of wound or disease affecting the skin that Hokara does not heal, and its relief is so instantaneous that those who try it are simply delighted with it.

Pimples, eczema, blackheads, acne, barber's itch, and all skin troubles are quickly cured by applying this simple skin food and tissue builder. It contains no grease or acids, and is cleanly to use.

J. Hicks Bunting Drug Co. is selling Hokara at the low price of 25c for a liberal sized jar.

If the skin trouble is caused by impure blood or if the bowels are inactive, use Hokara Blood Tablets. They cool and cleanse the blood and regulate the bowels in a natural way.

If you don't find it elsewhere, try J. T. Burke, the jeweler. dec9tf.

EXCITING SCENES

(Continued From Page One.)

fact some people of experience consider the present price altogether too high. Spinners continue to fight the advance by holding aloof as much as possible. Dismal reports of the spread of curtailment in Europe are constantly being received and the yarn trade at Philadelphia is reported stagnant.

Though the stock here is not increasing as fast as has been predicted, still there is some increase almost daily and it is now nearly double what it was a year ago. Some of the bales in North Carolina are said to be considerably heavier than at this time last year. Hedge selling by Texas, Alabama and Georgia has been noticeable. On the rise there has been very heavy liquidation by leading bulls. There appears to be some likelihood of an anti-option bill being introduced in Congress this Winter.

Bullish sentiment, however, has been dominant. Trade is gradually expanding. The British exports of yarns and cloths for November is a bullish exhibit and the trade of Great Britain, according to the figures of the British Board of Trade, is increasing. Increased prices of commodities during the past year or more are by some economists attributed partly to the augmented production of gold throughout the world during the last 12 years.

Cotton has been influenced not only by the bullish census report on Wednesday, but also by the expectation of a very low crop estimate of the government on Friday. Today prices advanced 32 to 35 points on the government crop estimate of only 10,088,000 bales.

Part of the rise was lost later on profit taking, but the tone was very strong and the number of high prices is increasing.

PROSECUTE MRS. WARDLAW.

First Action of State Against Aunt of Ocey Snead.

New York, Dec. 10.—The State of New Jersey will take its first step tomorrow toward the prosecution of Virginia Wardlaw, now held in the East Orange county jail charged with the murder of her niece Mrs. Ocey Wardlaw Martin Snead. Prosecutor Mott expects to make out a case only sufficient to hold Miss Wardlaw for the grand jury at the preliminary hearing which will be held tomorrow.

The Snead mystery has developed into one of the most puzzling police mysteries recorded. Mrs. Snead, a young mother of 24, was found drowned in 12 inches of water in a bath tub on the afternoon of November 29th. A note pinned to her clothing rin in part: "When you read this I shall have committed suicide."

An investigation soon showed that death had been unreported at least 24 hours and search of the house indicated that Miss Wardlaw, its only other occupant, had inhabited it during the time her niece lay cold in an adjoining room . Life insurance policies aggregating $30,000 on Ocey Snead's life and all drawn in favor of Virginia Wardlaw lay jumpled in a mass of old papers. Miss Wardlaw told the police she had come to East Orange for her nieces health but the house was poorly lighted and closely shut in furnished only with broken chairs and old boxes and the girl's body was pitifully emaciated.

Physicians and nurses, who had visited the Snead-Wardlaw family in Brooklyn and New York brought tales of what appeared to them system neglect. Fletcher Snead the husband, also heavily insured, is missing, though it is not said he is dead.

Mrs. Caroline Wardlaw Martin, Ocey Snead's mother, is missing and did not appear at her daughter's funeral.

The family though in the pinches of sharp poverty, proved well connected in the South and well befriended in the North. Franklin Fort, Jr., a son of the Governor of the State, has been retained as counsel for ample funds and the case is sure to be fought with resolution.

THE COOK CONTROVERSY.

Intimate Friend Reasserts His Confidence and Makes Statement.

New York, Dec. 10.—Charles Wake, an intimate friend of Dr. Frederick A. Cook, rallied to his support today with a statement re-asserting his confidence in the doctor's integrity and attacking the credibility of Capt. A. W. Loose and George H. Dunkel, who have sworn that they assisted the explorer in the preparation of data concerning the North Pole. The statement says in part:

"There is no shadow of doubt in my mind that their story is a fabrication. I ask nothing more than that the public suspend judgment until the doctor has sufficiently recuperated to take up the battle against his detractors.

"Meanwhile in the serenity of his retirement, far from the roar of the well-greased affidavit mills, he is in entire ignorance of this latest tempest in a teapot and I propose to keep my pledge by respecting his retreat. I can say, however, that he is not now and has not been in any sanitarium."

FIELD TRIALS AT SPRAY.

Free-For-All Stakes Concluded Yesterday—Spirited Competition.

Spray, N. C., Dec. 10.—The free-for-all stakes of the Virginia-Carolina Field Trials Association was concluded today bringing the trial to an end. Competition was spirited owing to the fact that nearly all the dogs were handled by their owners and the running was good.

The winners were: First, Oakley Hills King setter, owned and handled by W. G. Hundley, of Callands, Va.; second, Count Gladstone's setter owned by James T. Rutherford, of Richmond, Va., and handled by Tom Edwards, of Conover, N. C.; third, Ransom Fred, owned by James B. Botts, of Roanoke, and handled by Edwards; Fourth, Tom Edwards setter, owned by D. W. Richards, of Roanoke, Va., and handled by W. T. Cassille, of Hermansville, Miss.

The judges of the trials were: Simon C. Bradby, of Fairfield, Conn., and John H. Hite, of Hempstead, L. I.

While buying your Christmas gifts don't forget the reliable and suitable line to be found at J. T. Burke's, 27 South Front street. dec9tf.

THE WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC

Immigration Commission Makes Startling Reports of Conditions.

Washington, Dec. 10—All but incredibly revolting are the disclosures of the Inter-National system of traffic in both the enforced and the voluntary degradation of men and women, contained in the report on the so-called "white slave trade," submitted to Congress today by the United States Immigration Commission.

Shocking as is the tale of voluntary shame told in the report immensely more so is the setting forth of well-attested facts as to the compulsory consignment of innocent immigrant girls to the life of the bawd.

A large part of commission's report is unsuitable for newspaper publication.

When the report was presented in the House of Representatives today by Congressman Bennett, of New York, Champ Clark, the minority leader, objected to its being printed as a House document, but later withdrew his objection. It was promptly renewed by Mr. Sabath, of Ilinois.

The report begins with an introduction explaining the nature and terminology of the "white slave" traffic and concluded with a summary of the effects moral and physical, especially upon victims.

The commission says that the effect of the importation of immoral women into this country is one of increased degradation and death for the women victims and of contamination and corruption by means of the spread of disease for those with whom they come in contact.

"The loss coming from the shortening of life and from the expenditure of large sums of money in all the multifarious ways of vice and which is mere waste from every point of view, is great" says the report.

The commission says that the immoral traffic is not confined entirely to women, but "it is clear that there is a beginning at any rate, of a traffic in men and boys for immoral purposes. "The need of checking this importation is especially great" continues the report. "The vilest practices are brought here from continental Europe and beyond doubt there has come from imported women and their men the most bestial refinements of depravity." The diseases generated and spread by these importations, says the commission's report should be guarded against "even more than tuberculosis, typhoid or any other infectious diseases."

Financial profit is the basic motive for the traffic, of the women and girls abroad, induced by various methods into the net of procurers, many human attributes operate to accomplish their destruction. Again, it may be an affection for the male procurer, sedulously cultivated by the man. Many of the girls are innocent and ignorant but a far greater number it is declared are not of the inexperienced class and come largely of their own accord.

The extent of the "white slave trade" is characterized as country-wide frequently they are brought into the United States disguised as wives or sisters of their procurers and so pass the immigration officals.

The exploitation of the women after arrival in the United States is characterized in the report as "most pitiful for the women and most brutal on the part of the men."

Not only the innocent and betrayed young girls but the more experienced women are made the victims of virtual slavery.

The importations come from all countries, France leading. Most of the procurers are of foreign birth. The "market" price varies from $300, to $1,000 for each alien woman.

The commission recommends chiefly that efforts be made through government agents abroad and on board steamships to prevent the importation of women to this country, that more assiduous efforts be made in the United States to arrest women known to be engaged in immoral practices and to deport all possible; that the limit of three years after landing such persons may successfully be prosecuted be removed; that any deported persons returning to his country be imprisoned; that the keepers of immoral houses in which alien women are found be subject to deportation and that the State and municipal governments be urged to co-operate for the stamping out of the evil.

INTRODUCED 350 BILLS.

Short Session of Congress—Resolution to Apprehend Zelaya.

Washington, Dec. 10.—As an indication of activity in the interest of legislation, Senators today introduced more than 350 bills and resolutions covering a great variety of subjects. Many of these measures failed of passage during the last Congress and 90 per cent. of them will receive scant consideration this session. Many are for pensions that could not be granted under the general law.

Standing out as a striking proposition was a resolution by Senator Rayner today authorizing the President of the United States to cause President Zelaya to be apprehended as a common criminal, charged with the murder of two Americans engaged in revolutionary activity in Nicaragua, contrary to the code of war of all civilized nations which would have granted them a trial.

The House was in session for an hour and a half and a large number of measures were introduced there.

The most striking feature of the proceedings in that body was a speech by Representative Kuesterman, of Wisconsin, denying the charge that his interest in German shipping was so great as to cause him to antagonize a bill for the relief of the American merchant marine. Mr. Kuesterman was in a jovial humor and his speech was generally enjoyed. Senator Lorimer's successor in the House, William J. Moxley, of Illinois, was sworn in.

Owing to the fact that no reports have been made from committees both Houses are without subjects upon which to legislate. The Senate, therefore adjourned until Monday and the House until Tuesday.

$75,000 FOR WINSTON.

Wants Addition to Her Handsome Federal Building There.

Winston-Salem, Dec. 10.—That Congressman J. M. Morehead will ask for an appropriation of $75,000 for the purpose of building an addition to the Federal building in this city, and that he will secure it is now practically certain. The local authorities seem to have no doubt at all that the request will be granted.

The announcement was made at New York yesterday that the block of 100,000 shares of common stock of the United States Steel Corporation, which was purchased by a syndicate of French bankers last Spring and which it was reported was to have been listed on the Paris Bourse, had been entirely taken up and that the shares for the most part had been placed in small lots with French investors.

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Nunnally's confections are ideal gifts because they are *always fresh* and delicious—the finest produced in the South.

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FOUND—A place to have your gloves cleaned. Also French Dry Clean, dye and press. Coster, the Cleanser, 122 Market street. Fifteen years experience. de 11 3t*

TURKEYS, TURKEYS, TURKEYS—A nice lot of dressed turkeys just received. C. B. Bellois, 16 North Second street. Phone 1576. de 11 tf

THE YOU..G WOMAN S AUXILIARY of St. James Church will have a sale of Fancy Work on Monday, December 13th from 3 to 6 o'clock, in the parlors of the Colonial Inn. Purchases limited to $1.00. de 11 2t

A CHEERFUL FIRE first thing in the morning makes the whole day cheerful. Our Kiln Dried Blocks should be called "Cheerful Blocks." $1.00 per load, cash, delivered. Hilton Lumber Co., 'phone 321. de 10 1w.

TO THE PUBLIC—Fish, oysters, clams, open or in the shell. 'Phone 1788, third bench, Front street Fish Market. L. M. Sandlin. de 7 2w*

ANOTHER LARGE SERIES of stock was opened Saturday by the People's Building and Loan Association. Those desiring stock in this, the 12th series, should get same at once, books open this week only. D. R. Foster, secretary and treasurer, office 206 Princess street. de 5 tf

FURNISHED rooms for rent with or without board, 225 Market street. de 7 1w

FOR SALE—National Cash Register; practically new; price low. Address Cash, care Star. de 8 1w

NOTICE—If the person who took a black, light-weight, silk lined overcoat with Browning & King's name, makers, New York, on lapel and left an old one in the place of same about 3 o'clock Monday afternoon at Union Station, will return to R. T. Windley, 114 Princess street, he can get his old one and $10 besides. de 8 3t

WANTED—The shaving public to know that we now have six white barbers at "The Orton" Sanitary Shop. We beg for a trial; it will be up to us to hold your trade. no 24 1m.

KEEP YOUR EYE on our show case. The display will be changed frequently. Every time we change it will be better. The Gem Studio, Foltz & Kendrick, 114 Market street. no 27 tf.

HEADQUARTERS FOR FIREWORKS—Let us have your orders, wholesale and retail. One car load must be sold. Prices very low. Farriss' Bakery. de 3 tf

PHOTOGRAPHS — Enlargements, copying, framing, viewing and fine photographic work of every description. At the U. C. Ellis Studio. no 18 tf

EVERY MAN, WOMAN and child that has no stock in the Hanover Building & Loan Association should have some, and we offer you an opportunity now to do so. January 1st, 1910, we open a new series and want you to own a few shares. This is the best possible way of saving money and at the same time have it well invested, where it will draw good interest and be absolutely safe; 25 cents per week, will be worth $100 at maturity. A good set of officers and directors are behind this company. For information apply to any of the following: John J. Fowler, president; J. W. Yates, vice president; H. F. Wilder, secretary and treasurer; C. D. Weeks, attorney; I. Shrier, N. E. Bunting, J. P. Quelch, B. F. Keith, H. Cole, J. O. Brock, Marsden Bellamy, J. O. Reilly, E. Norfleet, W. T. Smith. Office at Wilder's Real Estate office, No. 207 Princess street. de 5 tf

WANTED AT ONCE—One hundred to 500 cords short leaf pine wood. Communicate with us at once. Delgado Mills, Wilmington, N. C. de 5 1w.

LOST MONEY LOUISE—In days gone by but now I'm wise. I've found where and how to make money by shipping my raw furs, hides, tallow, wool, beeswax, worm seed, produce etc. to C. D. Gilbert & Bro., 212 Market street. de 7 tf

WANTED—One salesman in each town to handle one of the best paying propositions on the market. Address Box 196, Statesville, N. C. de 8 6t*

STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

QUAL ON TOAST, Lynnhaven Bay Oysters and all other delicacies of the season with the usual substantials that go to make up a first class bill of fare at any cafe. The Junction Restaurant, "Just at the Corner," convenient to all trains, suburban line, etc. Open day and night, Sundays too. no 30 tf

SULTANA OLIVE OIL—Mr. Vafiadi, the Sultana agent here, has arranged to have this oil distributed in the future by Hall's drug store, Fifth and Castle. Pints 50c. Quarts $1.00. Phone orders filled promptly. no 4 tf

DRESSED CHICKENS and turkeys, all kinds of meats, fruits and vegetables. Oranges, best Florida, 25c per dozen. Walnuts, fresh oysters every day. Country River pudding. Palace Market. Phones 72 and 653. de 10 tf

COMFORT AT HOME when our Split Pine Wood is used. No soot and choked pipes. Cooks and house girls want it. $1.00 per load, cash, delivered. Hilton Lumber Co., 'Phone 321. de 9 1w

WE WANT QUICK BUYER—For Fayetteville Printery. Complete outfit, job printery, examine or write. Cook & Davis, Attorneys, Fayetteville. de 9 4t*

WANTED—To sell $5,000 worth of diamonds, watches, bracelets and all kinds of jewelry at Uncle Charles' Pawn Shop, 108 Market street. de 8 tf

ACADEMY
SCHLOSS THEATRE CIRCUIT
Saturday Night Only.
December 11th.
The Climax
Heralded by the New York Press and Public as the Purest Play of the Day.
Seats on sale at the Crystal Palace Friday. Prices to $1.50.
de 8 9 11 3t

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SCHLOSS THEATRE CIRCUIT
MONDAY NIGHT, DEC. 13TH.
THE RED MILL
60—COMPANY—60
Augmented Orchestra.
Prices to $1.50. Seats on sale Saturday at the Palace.
de 9-3t.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH.
FRANCIS X. HOPE
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in
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